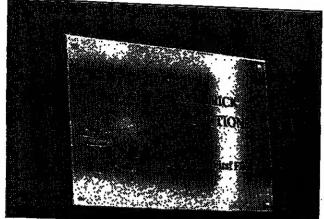


BBC inquiry into funding of top shows



Hat Trick's headquarters in the West End of London

Television company producing comedy programme Have I Got **News For You faces** questions on handling of cost-savings after **Guardian investigation**



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BBC has launched an urgentinquiry into the corporation's financial relationship with Hat Trick Productions, one of Britain's most prestigious in-dependent television compa-BBC.

nies, which makes a string of successful shows, including Have I Got News For You and tive time for the BBC, which is still snarting from hugely embarrassing allegations that one of its senior executives Drop The Dead Donkey. Hat Trick, which is credite with discovering contempo-rary comedy talent such as Harry Rofield and Clive Anreceived a personal loan from an independent production company. There is no suggestion that Hat Trick is

implicated. The BBC investigation is expected to focus on Hat

The move comes at a sensi | Trick's handling of cost-savings from programmes com-missioned by the BBC. The in-quiry will also examine whether Hat Trick had full authority to switch funds between programmes. The BBC confirmed last night that an inquiry was taking place in response to concerns con-tained in internal documents seen by the Guardian.

Denise O'Donoghue . . . invited BBC to andit company's books Jimmy Mulville . . . creative genius behind Hat Trick

A spokeswoman said: "You | She said: "There are a numhave put several serious alleber of inaccuracies and simplifications (in the allega-tions). I invite the BBC to gations to us about Hat Trick's financial management of a BBC-commissioned audit our books at their series, which of course we are raising with them". convenience. She said all money saved

Denise O'Donoghue, a difrom the budget of Have I Got helped to found the company reconciled with the BBC. She in 1985, said there had been denied any suggestion that no financial irregularities. Hat Trick had switched any

money between programmes without authority. Other directors include Jimmy Mulville, regarded as Jimmy Mulville, regarded as the creative genius behind the company, Mary Bell and Geoffrey Perkins. They shared salaries of £705,450 for the last financial year. The company last year made pre-tax profits of £403,703, accord-ing to latest accounts filed in Companies House. Companies House. The BBC pays Hat Trick around \$1.2 million a series for Have I Got News For You, the satirical game show which is one of the company's most succesful productions. Hat Trick pays huge sums for top stars to appear on the show, although they are con-

tracted for appearances and have no involvement in the running of the company or its financial affairs. It is understood that its

host, Angus Deayton, earns £12,100 per show together with a weekly "exclusivity" bonus of £4,290. The editor of earns a flat programme fee of £12.100, taking his series earnings to \$96,800.

Other perks include indi-vidual clothing allowances of 24,500. Other popular pro-grammes made by Hat Trick include Channel 4's Clive An-derson Talks Back, which 227,857 per programme with individual appearance fees of 55,000 for designated "extra special guests".

There is no suggestion that Mr Deayton or any of the involved in the inquiries.

Apart from these expensive overheads, however, BBC ac-countants are understood to be keen to satisfy themselves that other budget expenses were justified. Examples include

per-person bonus for ordi-nary production staff for bank holiday working, which has not been generally paid on the series. It is understood on the series. It is understood that although Hat Trick was fully refunded for one can-celled programme in the last series of Have I Got News For You, some freelance staff never received money owing.

for "voice-over sessions" and "extras" which are not gener-ally used in the making of the series.

An examination over whether fixed overhead costs bonus of £4,290. The editor of Private Eye, Ian Hislop, also fully justified. According to a

two days a week. However, Mr Osman does

not work in the programme's office and it has been estab-lished that he is not a regular writer for the show, concen-

trating on other Hat Trick work. There is no suggestion other artists employed by Hat | that Mr Osman has any Trick are either aware of or knowledge of how his salary originates

□ Claims for an extra \$105-

Other claims in the programme budget for the cur-rent series include provisions

payments due to staff which were budgeted for commisletter sent to the independent finance manager of the BBC, Jane Plackett, on February 20, Hat Trick includes Rich-



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David Sharrock, Duncan Campbell and Richard Norton-Taylor

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HE IRA leadership will be making crucial decisions this weekend about if and when to 'call a effire after issuing its third statement to confirm it was studying the proposed agenda for talks. The move is in response to

concerted pressure from Lon-don, Dublin and, crucially, Washington, A further statement will be issued in the next 48 hours.

Yesterday's statement coincided with the arrest of five men in connection with the Canary Wharf bombing, which ended the previous ceasefire. Last night, the men were being held for question-ing under the Prevention of Terrorism Act at Paddington Green police station, London. Four were arrested in South Armagh and flown to the mainland. The fifth was arrested in Barking, east Lon-

In a separate statement, the IRA denied any involvement in a bungled postal van raid yesterday in which an Irish policemen was murdered and another seriously injured. Eyewitnesses said men dressed in paramilitary garb

and brandishing Kalasimikov assault rifles opened fire on two plain clothes officers after ramming their vehicle in the village of Adare, Co Limerick

A statement telephoned to Ireland's state. broadcasting network, RTE, in Dublin fol-lowed police indications that the IRA was responsible for the killing. It is the first time a police officer has been killed in the republic for more.

than 10 years. A caller using a recognised codeword said: "None of our volunteers or units was in any way involved in this morning's incident at Adare There was absolutely no IRA

involvement." In South Armagh, the four-men were detained after Scot-land Yard anti-terrorist offi-cers, backed up by army units, moved in to search farm outhouses near the bor-der village of Forkhill. The se curity service is also under-stood to have been involved. It is thought the combined police and army operation was trying to locate the workshop where the lorry used to

transport the huge South Quay bomb may have been converted. Several homes were raided. Sources suggest that the ar-

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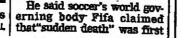
WO years of planning, 218 million to stage, 297 com-plaints about tickets, 159 hooligan panic stories and 284 assorted denials by the Football Association, and Euro 96 can finally get down to the football at Wembley today. Well not quite. First there

is an opening ceramony to be got through before England kick off against Switzerland. The Merrie England carnival is followed by St George and the Dragon and then Gerald Naprous and the Devil's Horsemen present their much acclaimed Medieval Knights routine.

The history of football in 20 minutes starts with a Middle Ages free-for-all — something that we may see again the following Saturday when Sontland come to Wembler Scotland come to Wembley and a re-creation of the first international, a 0-0 draw be-tween Scotland and England in 1872, a result that both will be hoping to avoid next week. However, there was one last tangie to be sorted out by the organisers yesterday when the German-based Interna-tional Federation of Football

History and Statistics said Defa's "golden goal" rule for deciding drawn matches was a golden own goal - aNazi invention that should not be used. The rule says that drawn games in the second round will be won by which-ever team scores first in extra

"It is a mockery to re-name this Nazi invention a golden goal, " the federation presigoal, " the federation presi-dent Alfredo Poege said yes terday. "You can't glorify something the Nazis introduced. It is totally discred-ited. It leaves a bitter taste in the mouth to see Fifa and Uefa taking over this rule invented by the German fascists."



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used in Spain in 1950, but his sent off for swearing at the research showed the Ger-mans created it in 1935 and final, France and England used it in more than 460 retired to the Middlesex University bar for free beer and British beef sandwiches. No golden goals were needed in Hendon, where France won a tournament be-

Police seize CS gas, page 4; Sparta Prague 'sell-out', page 6; How Gazza saved civilisation, page 15; David Lacey, page 12 tween teams of supporters of all 16 nations. There was only one ugly incident in the tour-nament, when a Turk was



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OHN Birt is to to oversee a radical restructuring of the corporation, it was announced yesterday.

Staff reacted with alarm at the prospect of another prolonged period of managerial upheaval, while critics warned that the BBC was downgrading its domestic radio services, imperilling the World Service and preparing for widespread job cuts. John Tusa, a former head of the BBC World Service, said the changes could result in an expansion of bureaucracy in-stead of the hoped-for stream-

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lining of the corporation. Sir Christopher Bland, the BBC's chairman, and Mr Birt insisted radio was not being relegated in importance in the changes, which mean respon-sibility for commissioning and scheduling television and radio services is to be com-bined into one directorate. Radio is to lose its individual voice at board of management level. Matthew Bannister, controller of Radio 1, is to become

director of radio. Mr Birt, whose term as the £265,000-a-year head of the corporation was due to expire at the end of 1997, has agreed to stay until the year 2000.

His management blueprint — the second shake-up he has presided over in three years — is designed to prepare the BBC for the launch of digital carries services.

Jocelyn Hay, chairman of the Voice of the Listener and Viewer pressure group, said: "We are extremely worried about the future of radio. It is a significant diminution of

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parture four months ago of Liz Forgan, as managing di-rector of network radio, was remain as the BBC's due to the impending shake-director general for up. But insiders believe she a further four years had feared radio was losing its clout in the BBC hierachy. Mr Tusa, who ran the World Service until 1992, said the reorganisation was "excessively rigid". Responding

to a suggestion that BBC Worldwide chief executive Bob Phillis and World Service managing director Sam Younger did not know of the changes until two days ago, he said on World Service's Newshour programme: "If there wasn't a consultation process I think that shows this was a short of putsch

against the World Service." The World Service will have to commission its pro-grammes from the domestic **BBC** Production and BBC News directorates. Mr Tusa said: "This is a bad, bad day for the World Service

The main broadcasting unions, Bectu, the NUJ and AEEU, said the restructuring would create a further period of upheaval for BBC staff. Mr Birt insisted the

changes were focused on the main task of providing the best service for licence fee payers. "By bringing together all production and separating it from scheduling and commissioning, we are creating the world's largest broadcasting production powerhouse." He refused to be specific about job cuts under the new structure, to be implemented by April 1997. Since 1989, 5,000 posts have gone. The cost of programme making had to be

reduced by 20 per cent in the next 10 years, Mr Birt said. He added: "Obviously this is another major change. People will take time to accu the importance of radio and it tomise ... lots of people will has lost its place at the top feel nervous about it."



John Birt ... is to remain as the BBC's director general and will oversee 'the creation of the world's largest broadcasting production powerhouse HOTOGRAPH: SEAN SMITH The Guardian Saturday June 8 1996

Savings sought to fund a new broadcast vision

BC staff were stunned by the scale of the planned reorganisation and surprised by the timing cluding the planned 24-hour agreed this week by chairman Sir Christopher Bland and the BBC's governors, but the blueprint bore the imprima-tur of John Birt. Although digital news service, and making programmes under contract for BBC World, the international news channel. A new controller is to be The reorganisation was recruited for 5 Live. BBC

Although viewers and lis-News will also be commis-sioned to make English lanteners will initally notice little change, the changes mean a significant shuffling of the BBC's top executives. The restructuring will have to de-liver substantial economies if the BBC is to launch new digital services. The BBC will have six key resources for all BBC pro-

BBC Broadcast: It will will provide resources and commission and schedule services and channels to audiences at home and abroad for television, radio and multi-media, under chief executive

Will Wyatt. The directorate will include director of radio Matthew Bannister and a director of television. Regional broadcasting, education and new digital commercial ser-vices will all come under Mr Wyatt's umbrella.

BBC Production: The directorate, under chief executive Ron Neil, will have the largest creative production capacity in the world. It will services. include sports and events, sonnel, corporate affairs, fi-nance and information techchildren's programmes, fac-tual, drama, specialist educanology, and policy and planning remain in this tion, entertainment, music and arts, multi-media produc-

directorate. Mr Birt said the new tion and English production (but not news) for World Ser-vice radio. A director of prostructure was planned in 1993 grammes is to be announced. BBC News: The name of the news and current affairs when he took over as director general but was too complicated to introduce in directorate is simplified but

The state of the streamlining would finance the BBC's vision of digital television. The corporation is planning the broadcasting of BBC is with the streamlining of its responsibilities are ex-panded under chief executive Tony Hall. Richard Ayre, controller of editorial policy, will become deputy director after the General Election, BBC1 and BBC2 in Willescreen following the departure of format and a range of multi-deputy managing director media products and services.

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guage news services for World Service radio. BBC Resources: This directorate, under chief executive Rod Lynch, will continue to provide broadcast grammes. For the first time it services on contract to World Service radio. BBC Worldwide: Under chief executive Bob Phillis, who is also the BBC's deputy director general, it will continue to be responsible for the marketing, sales and distribu-tion of BBC output. Direct editorial management of BBC World and BBC Prime will be contracted to the BBC News and BBC Broadcast director-ates. World Service radio will continue to commission its output and be responsible en-tirely for foreign language



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Another stunning day for most places with blue skies and unbroken sunshine, but the Low Countries will be more unsettled with a threat of thundery showers. Max temp 38-32C. 5 France; North-east France will be hot and sultry with show

ers and thunderstorms, but also some sunner interludes. North-western France will be bright and comfortably warm with low humidity levels. Central and southern France will be very hot and sunny. Highs 28-34C, but lower in Britany. Spain and Portugat: Portugal and north-west Spain will be mostly dry

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but most of the country will have plenty of hot sun-shine and light breezes. Highs 26-31C. Greece; Today will be glorious again over most of Greece

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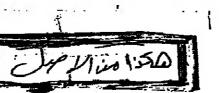
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NEWS 3 Battle continues to rage over Guernica as Basques lay claim to Picasso's tortured symbol



Guernica, painted after fascist bombers attacked the Basque town. Picasso allowed it to be shown in Madrid when democracy was restored, but now the Basques are claiming it for a new museum in Bilbao MCTURE COURTESY BRIDGEMAN LIBRARY

Born of civil war, the masterpiece yet again forms the backdrop to Spanish strife, writes **Adela Gooch in Madrid**

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CASSO'S emblematic canvas Guernica, which suffered many years of political exile before going on display in Madrid after the death of General Franco, has become the subject of a new battle: the Basque government wants if to form the centrepiece of a new museum in the region.

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The painting has particular significance for Basques be cause it depicts the bombing of Guernica, site of the an



lobbied the Spanish govern-ment last autumn for the painting to form part of an ex-hibition in Paris this year. Spain's then prime minis ter. Felipe González, refused on the grounds that it was too delicate to travel. Guernica is painted on a fragile canvas with relatively poor materi-als, and has suffered as a result of its many moves and poor restoration. For the transfer from the Prado to the Reina Sofia in

1992, roads were cleared and a special truck used to transport the painting in its frame. According to art experts, rolling it up for a longer trip could e irreparable damage. But the political pressure for Guernica to travel to Bilhao, it only temporarily, is strong. The Basque regional gov rnment, made up of moder

te nationalists, had to lobby

hard to persuade the Guggenheim Foundation to locate its

new European museum in a

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cient Basque parliament, by German planes on behalf of General Franco during the Spanish civil war. But the Reina Sofia modern

art museum in Madrid, where it is a star attraction, is reluc-tant to let it go. Experts there argue that it is too fragile to travel. They argue that it is the property of the Spanish state and should not be used to promote the new Basque musuem, which is part of a private foundation. Several members of the Reina Sofia's board have threatened to resign over the issue.

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Picasso stated in his will that Guernica, which was commissioned by Spain's Republican government for the great exhibition held in Paris in 1937, should become part of the Prado's collection

- but only after democracy was reinstated. The painting came to Madrid in 1981 and was shown in the Prado until the Reina Sofia succeeded in wrenching it away. However, Basque national-

ists have always claimed that the painting should be shown in Guernica itself. The painting's curators in Madrid have countered the demand saying there was no suitable place to display it.

But the Basque case has

establish a new museum in Bilbao - dne, to open next year — to slow its modern art collection in Europe. Bilbeo is 12 miles from Guernica.

Juan Ignacio Vidarte, director of the Bilbao Guggenheim project, stresses that Guer-nica — which has always

needed special protection from attack and until last year was encased in bullet proof glass — could be dis-played in ideal conditions in the new museum.

"We have several galleries that would meet requirements more than adequately but, of course, it is ultimately a political decision," he said. This latest tug of war over Guernica follows an unsuc-cessful attempt by France to borrow the painting last year. The French have always annoyed Spaniards by laying claim to Picasso, who was born in Malaga but lived

much of his life in France. Guernica was painted in Paris and exhibited in the Great Exhibition there in 1987, where it immediately became a symbol of the battle in

been strengthened by the deci-sion of the Guggenheim Foun-dation in the United States to Jacques Chirac, personally

region plagued by terrorism. One of the factors which influenced the decision, apart from the Basques' agreement to foot the 22,300 million pe-seta (£112 million) bill for the new musuem in full, was an assurance given by the Basques that Guernica could be exhibited there.

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Xabier Arzailuz, the Basque regional president, has raised the subject directly with Spain's new conservative prime minister, José Maria Aznar, whose minority gov-ernment relies on nationalsts, including the Basques. Despite the experts' recom-mendations, Mr Aznar will find it hard to deny the

image created by terrorism. French police yesterday ejected Spanish Basque sepa-ratists from a church they had been occupying to de-mand they be allowed to live in France. Several people were arrested, witnesses said. The 10 separatists had been

They led relatives into the ca-thedral of Bayonne five days

adviser on the occult, said | distillery's founder, John

request altogether. It comes amid efforts to promote the Basque country for tourism and counter the negative

expelled from France in 1984 on suspicion of ties to the Basque separatist group ETA_

Guinness seeks spirits through virtual ouija board

Dan Atkinson

CHURCHMEN united yes-terday to warn the public away from the public away from the high the Kit Cunningham, world's first Internet ouija board, which has been set up by the drinks company Catholic church in Holborn, London, said it Guinness is launching

the virtual onija board on Monday as part of an Internet promotion celebrating 150 years of Dewar's whisky. The board allows net users to switch. the movement of a whisky glass over to random spiritual control. Father Dominic Walker, a psychologist and a church | Tommy Dewar, son of the | said a spokesman.

work on the Internet", adding "it can be dangerous". was "horrendously dangerous . . . I'm appalled". A spokesman for Dewar's move, but does so as a result insisted the "board" was of mental energy created by nothing more than "light a fearful or stressed person. hearted entertainment". This is the first time ouija has been available on the Internet. It forms one part

the public should give it a wide berth. He said: "I baps the first marketing can't imagine how it would guru, once declaring: "Adguru, once declaring: "Ad-vertising is to sales what imagination is to poetry". Fr Walker doubted if a outja board could work on the net, as the real thing "relies upon a certain psy-chodynamics". He believes that a ouija glass does Last night, Dewar was not discounting entirely the idea that the "board"

of Dewar's Internet promo-tion, which centres on "Well, it's hard to say,"

may actually make contact

Television's obsession with the present is exciting and successful and ultimately dangerous, it is the equivalent of the get-richquick fast-farming which so rapidly made an agricultural desert of so many fertile prairies.

Melvyn Bragg

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Queen opens 'Fame' school

AUL McCartney yes-terday welcomed the Queen to his home city of Liverpool to open for-mally the "Fame" school which he has helped establish — the Liverpool Insti-tute for Performing Arts. McCartney and Mark Featherstone-Witty, chief

executive of the school, showed her around the building as she watched some of the students perform. "She was very im-pressed. She was very im-entertained by all of it," McCartney said. The first stop of their

tour of the school - on the site of the former Liverpool Institute grammar school where both McCartney and George Harrison were pupils — was a contemporary dance studio where a team of 15 teenage students went through their paces. The Queen then heard a

college rock band, The Salvation, play one of their own numbers, visited a hitech recording studio, and heard a choir perform in the main Paul McCartney Auditorium.



Paul McCartney greeting the Queen as she arrived to open his performing arts school in Liverpool Photograph: EDDE BARFORD

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Pistol and CS gas canisters 'to disrupt Euro 96'

Police seize gun in soccer raid

planned for a month.

John Duncan Sports Correspondent

HERE was a grue-some warning of the potential for orga-nised violence during Euro 96 yesterday when police said they had arrested four men and seized a Brown-ing pistol, six live rounds of ammunition and 500 CS gas

canisters. There are definite links between these weapons and the Euro 96 competition," said Detective Chief Superin-tendent Mick Foster, of the Midland Regional Crime

"The intelligence we have that caused this operation meant there was one aim. There was a specific purpose to cause disruption during Euro 96."

Birmingham hosts the Hol-land v Scotland game on Mon-day afternoon and intelligence officers have received reports that English hooligans intend to disrupt the match and possibly attack Scottish and Dutch fans. "At the moment, though, these

are only rumours," said a | sprays have a range of about nine feet. police source

"There is always the possi-A Browning 7.65 semi-autobility of other caches a matic pistol with a magazine where in the country. If they containing six live rounds had not been found, the poten was found in the possession of tial was there for problems one of the four men, who were arrested in the Showcase Cinduring Euro 96."

Police have been active in ema car park, Walsall, West Midlands, on Wednesday in recent weeks in sending a message to potential troublean operation that had been makers that they will be caught and prosecuted for football offences iduring the The 500 canisters, which are prohibited weapons in

are prohibited weapons in this country, have a street value of £7,500 and were im-ported from France where they can be sold for self-de-fence. West Midlands police say this is the largest seizure of CS gas made in this country. tournament. In Newcastle, closed circuit television pictures were published as part of an operation to establish the identity of those involved in city-centre hooliganism after final match of last season. The Met-ropolitan police have also used CCTV in the run-up to a

"It is a matter of concern for us that so many CS gas canisters are available," said series of raids in north and east London.

DCS Foster. "I do not wish to cause undue alarm, but it is a Police have set up a central co-ordinating base in Scot-land Yard for the largest fact that these canisters are available and easily con-cealed. They would certainly cause serious harm, and if sprayed into the eye area could cause major problems. single event intelligence oper-ation in England. The specially-created "pod" will specially-created "pod" will be disbanded after the tournament but will be brought The gas would cause extreme discomfort and feelings of panic in those affected. The together for other major ents in the future.

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Brussels chief hits back at 'witch hunt'

Julie Wolf in Brussels and Michael White

HE top British official in Brussels yesterday condemned a "witch hunt" in Britain that paid no attention to the benefits of Union European

membership. The intervention by David Williamson, secretary general of the European Commission, came as Malcolm Rifkind and Douglas Hogg issued a joint statement claiming that the Government's "charm offensive" tour of European capitals may have turned the cor-

ner in Britain's favour. "We are starting to see results in our negotiations to restore order to the European beef markets. We may have turned a corner this week," said the Foreign Secretary and Agriculture Minister. "It

Sceptics fear Mr Rifkind's "goodwill gesture" towards the EU's Italian presidency in not vetoing a partnership agreement with Slovenia mid-week is the first wobble in a beef war they want to see escalated, both to repel federal-ist boarders and to help win the election,

In their statement the min-isters said the aim of their trip had been two-fold: to promote the detailed British programme to eradicate BSE; and to deal with what they called the "information gap" elsewhere in Europe, which had now been "plugged". Welcoming the partial lift-

ing of the beef derivatives ban as the first step to the desired. framework agreement to end the export ban, the ministers said: "Public health remains the number one priority."

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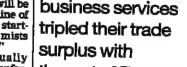
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do soon to h an agreement by the Florence summit (on June 21-23) will be possible ... but the outline of an agreement is at last start-ing to emerge from the mists of emotion and rhetoric." Mr Williamson, usually publicity-shy, told a confer-ence of solicitors in York that for 2p a week Britons ob-tained "370 million friends

and the largest market in the world" Despite Europe's economic problems, last year it grew faster than either the United States or Japan. 'It is a seri-ous mistake to underestimate the strength of the European economy and its trading weight." British exports to Germany equalled those to the United States and Japan combined, and exports to France equalled those to the whole of the Commonwealth. The official, who served under Baroness Thatcher in the Cabinet Office from 1983-87, also said that BSE was a British problem that had to be tackled in Britain, although the EU would help foot the bill. BSE was expected to cost the EU budget more than £1 billion this year. In any case, Britain was not heavily de-pendent on beef exports and was in fact normally a net

importer. "The best cure for Euroscepticemia is a dose of com-mon sense," Mr Williamson said in a speech released by the commission, Since Mr Williamson is an official, both its timing and content will be deemed by Eurosceptics to be

deemed by Eurosceptics to be offensive. Mr Rifkind and Mr Hogg's statement is designed to reas-sure Tory backbenchers.



the rest of Europe'

Tonight, on Channel 4's A Week in Politics, the former Foriegn Secretary, Douglas Hurd, will warn ministers against developing what are currently classic EU blocking tactics into "some sort of guerrilla war against Europe" — which would rebound against British interests.

In his speech, Mr William-son also said: "One of the weirdest misunderstandings which pervades comment in the British press is that somehow the community or the commission is against Britain. Of course not, because they are on the same side." The EU meant a single mar-

ket - which he called "Britain's greatest achievement in the community". low infla-tion, and economic growth "In 10 years, British financial and other business services tripled their business services tripled their trade surplus with the rest of Europe. At the end of 1995, the UK's trade def-icit with countries outside the European Union had deterio-rated in its worst lumpling rated to its worst level in

seven years." He also de-fended EU spending, 2.5 per cent of the public expenditure of member states and 1.2 per

Council ordered to pay £16m after fire chief's 'blunder'

building was almost de-stroyed after a fire started in its roof in March 1990. Alan Travis AMPSHIRE county coun-cil has been ordered to pay more than £16 million The owners, Capital & Counties plc, had fitted an compensation after a "blun-der" by the county fire bri-gade during a fire which nearly destroyed the corporate headquarters of an electronics company. The High Court ruling is down. believed to be only the second time a judgment has been obtained against a British fire

automatic sprinkler system which, it was claimed, would have limited the damage to the roof. But during the fire,

the senior brigade officer or-dered the sprinklers be shut

Judge Richard Havery QC, sitting as a High Court Offi-cial Referee, held there was no justification for the fire of tained against a british fue brigade for alleged negligence during the course of its work. The county council also faces a f2 million legal bill. The case followed a blaze at the decision had been a blumthe Basingstoke headquarters der. Hampshire county coun-of Digital Equipment Ltd. The cil hopes to appeal.

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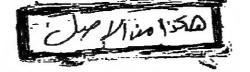
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SHI SUGUANG drew his hands above his head, then swept them through the air to his sides, writes Madeleine Bunting, Instantly, his shaved head reddened with concentration and effort. He paused and relaxed. Picking up an iron bar almost a centimetre thick, he smashed it over his head, scattering chunks of metal. He then bowed and walked over to his fellow Zen monks, leaving his audience gawping. One of 25 monks due to begin their first tour of Britain next week. Shi Sugang has trained in meditation and martial arts for 20 years. The monks come from Shaolin, the oldest monastery in China and the birthplace of Zen Buddhism and kung fu.

A sharp crack echoed around the Buddhist Peace Pagoda in Battersea Park. London, opposite, as one monk smashed a wooden stake across the bare back of another, Shi Xingyun. They concentrated their minds in a few seconds and then leapt effortlessly high into the air and somersaulted. The monks will visit

Newcastle, Sheffield, Manchester, Birmingham and London from next Thursday. Photograph: David Mansel

Labour leader's preferred approach already standard at state schools **Blair rejects mixed** ability teaching

'More children are

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John Carvel Education Editor

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ONY BLAIR yester-day extracted maximum political advan-tage from a speech committing a Labour government to encourage grouping of children by ability in comprehensives, in spite of evidence that this is already standard practice for most lessons in an overwhelming majority of state secondary schools

He dissociated the party from principles of mixed ability teaching which were fash ionable among educational theorists 20 or 30 years ago, but which are now rarely applied in core subjects for pupils over the age of 13. Mixed ability teaching is

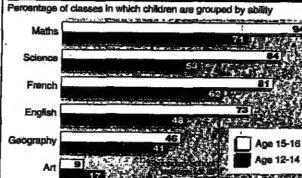
for some people as much of an ideology as the principle of comprehensive admission ittions exercise", and hoped Mr Blair would apologise for "30 years of Labour education policy and the activity of al-most every Labour education authority up and down the country" country educate over 90 per cent of John Dunford, president of

our young people the Secondary Heads Associa-tion, said he knew of no com-But there was still an unacceptable gap between the per-formance of the best and worst schools. prehensive adopting the mixed ability approach throughout its teaching. Many beads thought it suit-

"In some cases problems in comprehensives have resulted from a desire among able for pupils in their first year of transition after pri-mary school and valuable in later years for subjects such teachers to provide for child dren from disadvantaged backgrounds a warm and caring environment, but not to a sufficient extent the high ex-

pectations which are so ential to success The result of this "well-meaning but damaging attitude" was to reinforce those children's disadvantage.

"Equality must not become the enemy of quality." The speech was being



Grouping by ability

All-in groups were widely seen as impractical from the start

John Carvel

ENTHUSIASM for mixed-ability teaching devel-oped in the profession about 30 years ago, but never took hold in comprehensives, which continued to divide papils according to aptitude in particular subjects once they had settled down in the school.

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school. But the shift to mixed-ability teaching was have their own tariff packages and contracts. John Bridgeman, OFT di-rector general, said the con-

never completed. In a study this year, Caro-line Benn and Clyde Chitty said: "Despite the camtracts were unfairly weighted in favour of the companies and that he would seek an inpaigning zeal of a number of heads and teachers, all unction preventing their use the evidence suggests that the movement to challenge traditional forms of pupil grouping began to lose its

if companies did not agree to drop the unfair terms. After poor geographical coverage, contract terms are probably the biggest cause for ntum in the 1970s ... misin 5 DY Britain's 5 mil were relactant to experi-ment with the new (and lion mobile users. Some cus-tomers who have not read the largely unproven) methods of organising learning." small print carefully can find themselves locked into pay-

Micholas Bannister Technology Editor

Poor air quality OFT wants an end to: HE LEADING mobile • Terms in print smaller than rest of material • Unintelligible or hidden phone sales companies have been told to drop unfair terms in their conterms tracts or face legal action by the Office of Fair Trading. The companies include sub-· Too many, and often too legalistic, clauses · Companies' ability to sidiaries of British Telecom and all four cellular network operators — Cellnet, Vodachange prices without giving customers escape route • Unreasonably long perifone, Orange and Mercury One-2-One. The others, Astec ods of notice Compensation payments Communications, Motorola Tel-co, the Peoples Phone Company and UniqueAir, in effect sell airtime on the big for contracts ended early • Wide-ranging limitation of company's liability. networks but are allowed to

ing for a mobile service for 15

Mobile phone sales firms

told to drop unfair terms

The Consumers' Association welcomed Mr Bridge-man's "firm and public stand", adding that only the OFT could take effective action against mobile phone service providers.

The move was also welat no notice. The Government initially comed by Don Cruickshank. director general of Oftel, which receives about 4,000 plaints a year about moselling their services direct to bile phones but is powerless the public, and some service to act if a customer has signed providers took advantage of customers' lack of familiarity a contract. The industry was surprised | with mobile phones.

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at the OFT statement since discussions on improving contracts were already under way. David Savage, chairman of Astec and of the service provider section of the Feder-ation of Communication Services, said a final draft of a new code of conduct would be completed within six weeks. Most of the companies ac-

cept that improvements in presentation and clarity could be made, but most rejected the OFT's criticism of long initial contracts, pointing out that they had to be able to recover the subsi-dies on hand sets. A phone sold for £9.99 to the subscriber actually cost the service provider about £300, Mr Savage said.

He pointed out that Mr Bridgeman had admitted that some firms had already im-proved their contracts. His own firm was just about to offer an option allowing sub-scribers to buy a handset at full price and quit the service

barred mobile groups from

self." he said at Didcot Girls' as art and music. "But there School in Oxfordshire. "Not are virtually no schools to take account of the obvious which do mixed ability across common sense that different | the board for philosophical children move at different speeds and have differing abilities, is to give idealism a

bad name. "The modernisation of the comprehensive principle | and English. requires that all pupils are encouraged to progress as far and as fast as they are able. Grouping children by ability can be an important way of another. making that happen."

The speech was described by Conservative officials as restatement of Labour's belief ulte longest apology note in the comprehensive system history". John Major said it and gave praise to the beleawas "the usual public rela- guered teaching profession

ditional educational approach, but Mr Blair said new technology was helping the better schools to move beyond Most pupils, were already divided into sets according to

the old debate between mixed ability and selection. It was their ability in individual subjects --- notably for maths now possible to achieve more flexible timetables, allowing This did not amount to backdoor streaming, he said, because children in the top ability range in one subject often showed less aptitude in

teacher training and ad-vanced skills teacher status "to promote a third way be-tween the limitations of the Mr Blair gave a strong restatement of Labour's belief 11-plus and mixed ability teaching", he said.

preted yesterday as a move to County Council said none identify Labour with the tra- of its comprehensive of its comprehensive schools was organised "upon the impractical assumptions that teaching groups covering the whole range of ability are suitable or desirable". The mixed-ability ap-

the London

proach began to gather moschools to vary their sporoach to pupil grouping. Labour would use the policy levers of special grants. Ofsted inspections, teacher tracker conferences focus on evidence of suc-cessful classroom experiments. Teachers reported increased motivation among pupils, improved standards of behaviour and greater willingness to par-ticipate in the life of the

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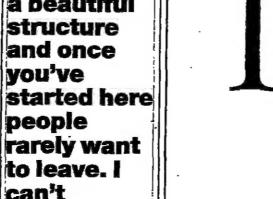
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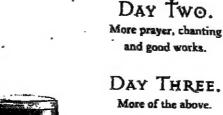
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Bosnia polls: a failure in the making

Julian Borger In Sarajevo

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E United States based pressure group Human Rights Watch yes-terday described

the Bosnian peace process as a "failure in the making" and warned that unless Nato and the international community do more to enforce respect for human rights. elections due in three months will be a "charade

The scathing report details widespread human rights abuses, particularly on Serb territory. It has intensified the spotlight already trained on the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), which was given the job last December of supervising elections and judging whether Bosnia was ready for a free poll.

That judgment was pre-

conference in Geneva by the US secretary of state, Warren Christopher, who announced elections would take place on schedule by September 14, despite the concerns of the OSCE's human rights

monitors The US government is eager to get Bosnia's elections out of the way and begin the withdrawal of US troops before the American presidential elections in November.

situation.

The OSCE now finds itself under considerable US pres-sure to administer rushed the OSCE should have had a elections which many in the organisation fear will only enhuman rights arm at all." trench Serb hardliners and hasten the division of Bosnia The two top officials co-ordinating human rights moni-

toring and election prepara-tions have resigned in the past fortnight, and staff morale is at an all-time low after the OSCE leadership em-

ployees viewed as a whiteconditions for free elections did not exist were being igwash of the human rights nored. The director of elec-According to staff, Robert Frowick (the US diplomat who heads the OSCE mission tions, Judy Thompson, also stood down, reportedly complaining that the OSCE did.

in Bosnia) returned from the not have the resources to en-Geneva conference with orders to play down human "We were told basically to European election monitors 'have accentuate the positive and been told to do something they don't eliminate the negative," said believe in. They're in a crisis'

one disgruntled employee. "I think a lot of us were wondering what we were here for in the first place, and whether

sure reasonably free elections. The resignations have compounded earlier staff difficul-ties. OSCE salaries have not The Geneva conference was also followed by rigid new rules restricting staff commubeen high enough to draw ex-perts from Europe and the nication with the press, and a US, so - with voter registrawitch-hunt for employees who leaked information. tion already under way - 12 out of 49 human rights posts

Mr Frowick's chief of staff, have not been filled. Bill Stuebner, resigned a fort-night ago. Colleagues said he The elections mission is further hamstrung by bureau-the Nato-led peacekeeping

empted at Sunday's Balkan barked on what many em- | felt his reports warning that | cracy. For example, any ex- | force I-For, said there was no | Serb territory, even though | est of Mr Clinton's own rependiture over \$5,000 (\$3,300) has to be approved by a committee in Vienna, which reintegration of the country meets only once a week. Leaked OSCE human rights

people, and there had been reports say nationalist hard-"zero" change in Serb attitudes since I-For arrived in liners, particularly Serbs, are

December. Mr Frowick argued earlier this week that holding elec-tions, even in a very imperfect environment, could help democracy take root. To in-sist on better conditions be-

fore going ahead, he said, "would imply we'd need de-mocracy first before we have resolutely opposed to free elections and are hampering elections the work of OSCE field off Diplomats point out that even opposition parties, of all ethnic identities, favoar gocers. Hardliners are prevent ing ahead with the elections.

ing refugees from crossing the old front line to return to But OSCE human rights their homes, and nationalists across the country retain an officials are concerned that elections iron grip on the media. would entrench the Admiral Leighton Smith, position of indicted war crim-inals such as Radovan Karadzic. currently in power in

Mr Karadzic is barred from evidence of political will on standing for election by the the Serb side to allow the Dayton peace agreement. "Karadzic may not be and free movement of its the ballot, but he can take a

nia that is not partitioned along ethnic lines." Concluding that "it elecback seat, and his people and tions are conducted under his regime would have the current conditions ... they OSCE stamp of authority." an

will only consolidate the power of the extremists", the OSCE analyst said. There is also concern report calls on the OSCE not within the organisation that the Bosnian Serb leadership to approve elections until con-ditions exist for a free and could organise a spoiling fair poll.

election campaign, it is cer-

tainly not in the best interest

of those who believe in a Bos-

campaign, calling on Serbs to add Mr Karadzic's name to The OSCE officially has until July 14 to make its judg-ment, but there is little doubt the ballot, or staging a paral-lel referendum on secession. that it will echo Mr Christo-Ivan Lupis of Human Rights Watch said yesterday pher's declaration. Mr Frowick has said elections that OSCE monitors were will only be postponed if the "missing the captains of their ship and they've been told to deteriorates situation seriously.

do something they don't be lieve in. They're in a crisis." His critics within the Bos-nian mission fear that going ahead will give elections a Yesterday's Human Rights Watch report said that "while holding the elections in Bosbad name in the Balkans and dent the OSCE's credibility. nia may be in the best inter-

Sale of top Czech team tests supporters' loyalty

The purchase by Slovak neighbours of Prague's top football team has dented national pride, writes lan Traynor

football team have qualified for the finals of Euro 96 starting this weekend, but otherwise it has been a miserable season for the pride of their domestic league, Sparta Prague.

In the previous 10 years the team that utterly domi-nates Czech football won the league championship eight times and finished runners-up twice. This year they came a wretched fourth and were reduced to admitting fans free by the final matches.

But just when it seemed things could get no worse. they did. The club was sold to foreigners. And not any old foreigners, but a

Slovak company. Since Czechoslovakia split in 1993, the Czechs ve raced ahead economically, scoffing condescendingly at their poorer Slovak neighbours. And while Slovakia failed to qualify for Euro '96, the Czechs will

HE Czech national slava [Slovakia's top team]," smirked the Slovak prime minister, Vladimir minister. Meciar, clearly relishing the coup in Prague. The Czech opposition leader, Milos Zeman, com-plained it was "absurd" to sell the club "abroad".

Vladimir Kostalnik, aged 35, who has attended almost every Sparta home

Having seized a symbolic part of the Czech family silver, the Slovaks are crowing

game since his teens, is sud denly having doubts. "It's not that we're against foreign capital. If the money came from Florida that would be great. But because it's from Slovakia, it's a problem," he said. The sale of the 102-year old club, which has won the league a record 22 times, came as a bombshell a couple of weeks ago after being wrapped in mystery and secrecy. Fans feel betrayed. Petr Makh, a young ta's fortunes. And he is not "Well, I wouldn't stand Prague entrepreneur, was so sure he can stomach the for the sale of Slovan Brati- locked in negotiations for humble pie.

months over the sale of his cent share in the club. He would not reveal he was talking to the VSZ steelworks in the east Slo-vak town of Kosice. The steelworks is headed by the son of a Slovak government

Worse, Mr Makh misled the fans and country. In a match programme at the end of April, he said he was negotiating with a "strong non-Slovak partner".

Josef Chovanec, aged 36. the former Czech international and PSV Eindhoven sweeper who now manages Sparta, has defended the

eception tactles. "The point is that there were not Czech businessnen willing to invest in the club and they were keen to destroy us," he claimed, hinting at a dark anti-Sparta plot. "We had to bide the fact that our partner was Slovak because we were under a lot of pressure and there are people

here who would have tried to wreck the deal. So we pretended we were talking to a Western partner but in reality we were negotiating with someone completely different. Anyway, w don't have problems with Slovaks. We lived with them for long enough.' But Mr Kostalnik and his pals in the pubs of Prague will take some convincing that Slovak money is just the ticket to restore Sper-



'Some were thin, others skeletal'

Reuter in The Hague GUARDIAN correspon scared stiff." dent, Ed Vulliamy, told the Yugoslavia war

crimes tribunal yesterday how he met Muslims who had been reduced to living skeletons and were too scared to truth.'

speak of their ordeal in prison camps run by the Bosnian Mr Vulliamy, one of the first reporters to visit the Omerska and Trnopolje

camps in August 1992, was testifying in the trial of the Bosnian Serb Dusan Tadic, who is accused of atrocities at the camps during the "ethnic cleansing" of the Prijedor

Mr Vulliamy went to the camps, along with an Inde-pendent Television News (ITN) crew, at the invitation of the Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic, who had said the visit would disprove media reports that Muslim prisoners were being

maltreated At Omarska, the journalists watched as groups of de-tainees, supervised by armed guards, jogged into a canteen where they were given a min

getting. There was really very little to go on in terms of interviews and words. They were manifestly scared,

not forget how one man had told him: "I do not want to tell any lies but I cannot tell the

Others, he said, remained silent but communicated with their eyes. "There is something inimitable about some body staring at you in that way, saying: Look at me and

try and work out for yourself what I'm trying to say." The journalists were denied access to the prisoners' sleep ing quarters and were driven instead to Trnopolje.

The Guardian's report and ITN's pictures provoked an international outcry and led the Bosnian Serbs to close the camps almost immediately. Mr Tadic, who denies all charges, showed no emotion as he watched the disturbing images on a video monitor.

Dressed smartly in a suit and tie, and flanked by two guards, he seemed relaxed as he took notes during Mr Vulliamy's testimony.

His trial enters its sixth week next week, when the

Mr Vulliamy said he could



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line up against Germany tomorrow

But having seized owner ship of a symbolic part of the Czech family silver, the Slovaks are now doing the crowing. And Sparta's fans don't like it.

Russian election candidate bombed

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and national elections are so

David Hearst in Moscow

USSIA'S election sea-son claimed its first vic-tim yesterday, when Valery Shantsyev, the running mate of Moscow's mayor Yuri Luzhkov, was severely injured in a bomb attack outside his home in central Moscow.

The attack on Mr Shant-syev, a powerful figure in the Moscow local government, closely linked. Thousands of troops have already been drafted into was seen as an attempt to prevent Mr Luzhkov's re-election as mayor, in a vote a week Moscow on the pretext of fear of an attack by Chechen sepa-ratists. The heightened secutomorrow — the same day as the presidential election. Under election rules, Mr rity may also increase the tension in the rum-up to poll-Luzhkov, the clear front runner, could be forced from the race if his running mate dies.

Mr Shantsyev, aged 49, was admitted to hospital with third degree burns and shrapnel injuries. His condition was serious but not lifethreatening, Vasily Kuptsov, the Moscow chief of police, said. A bodyguard and a passer-by were also slightly injured.

for the attack on Mr Shant-syev increased with the Mr Kuptsov said the bomb knowledge that he has impor-planted outside Mr Shant- tant contacts with the Comknowledge that he has impor-

syev's home was radio-con- munist Party. He calls him-trolled. "I think it was a self a "supporter of the comself a "supporter of the com-munist idea". terrorist act deliberately

Mr Luzhkov, who is backed by Russia's richest businessaimed at this person and no one else. This could not simply be a contract killing of a businessman because Valery Pavlinovich [Shantsyev] was men and has established a rival power base to the Krem-lin, last year made his peace with Mr Yeltsin after a series of political standoffs with the not involved in any kind of business, as everyone knew." The attack has put Mosformer privatisation chief. cow's already jittery political establishment further on Anatoly Chubais. Today the ambitious Mr

Luzhkov appears on large election posters shaking hands with the president, and has accompanied Mr Yeltsin on his provincial tours. The aim of these visits is to make Moscow's mayor a nationally known figure. He is tipped as a future prime minister. Meanwhile, tension rose in

ing day, when thousands of communist supporters are ex-pected to arrive at Russia's 90,000 poiling stations in response to a call by the commu-nist presidential candidate, Shali. Three days of talks with representatives from Moscow broke up yesterday Gennady Zyuganov, to try to prevent election fraud. with no agreement on the issue of prisoner exchange. Speculation on the motive Both sides expressed pessimism about the ceasefire deal

signed in Moscow 10 days ago. Will the wad win It? page 13

Chechenia last night after reports that 50 rebel fighters had re-entered the town of

Dogs of peace ... Sniffer dogs from the Norwegian People's Aid de-mining team help clear a railway tunnel to allow investigators from the Hagne war crimes tribunal to look for evidence of alleged mass killings near Tuzla, Bosnia

PHOTOGRAPH: ODD ANDERSEN

piece of bread. Mr Vulliamy said it was imappear. Mr Tadic, a former bar-

mediately apparent that some owner and karate teacher, is prisoners were in an appall-ing physical condition. "They were very thin, others in reasonable condition, others skeletal," he said.

"When they were eating, they were eating as if ... they hadn't eaten for a very long time, as if they hadn't seen food for a while. It was a fairly sobering sight." he said Under the constant watch of Serb guards, the prisoners

were reluctant to respond to the reporters' questions. "The physical state of some of them told us more than

about it.

accused of murdering, raping and torturing Muslims after the Bosnian Serbs seized power in the Prijedor area of north-west Bosnia in 1992. Created by the United Nations Security Council in

May 1993. the criminal tribunal for former Yugoslavia is the first international body for the prosecution of war crimes since the Nuremberg and Tokyo trials held after the second world war.

To date, the Hague tribunal has indicted 58 suspects - 48 Serbs, nine Croats and three Muslims - six of whom are their words ... as to what being held at the tribunal's kind of treatment they were detention centre.

Pilots allowed helicopter to drop, says German crash survivor

Reuter in Dortmund ter hit treetops and crashed. the survivor said

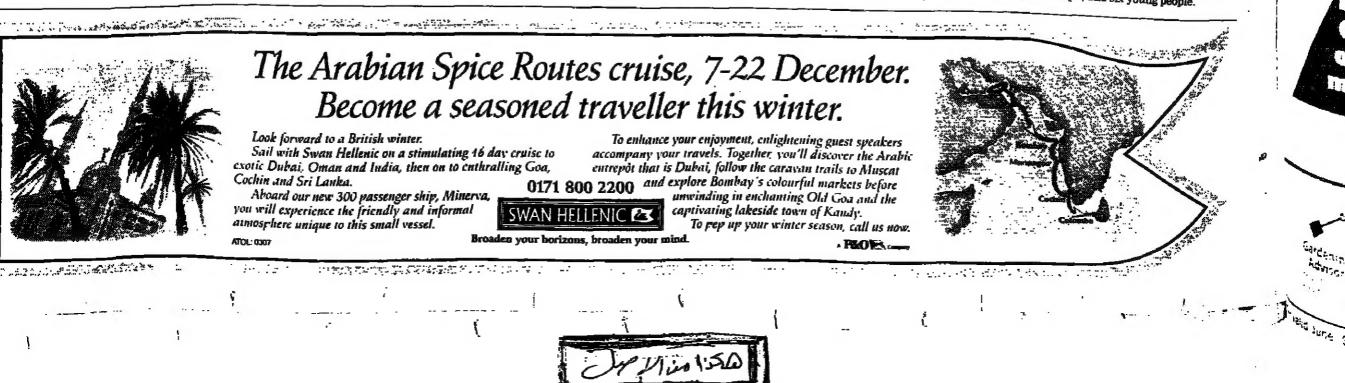
Mr Staat said he was not ruling out pilot error, but was also looking at the possibility of a technical failure.

The detends munistry, inves-tigating independently, cau-tioned against treating the ma-noeuvres as risk-taking. A spokesman said a helicopter levelling out after a climb could give reservant the imcould give passengers the im-pression they were failing, and that the pilots, aged 38 and 33, might have been attempting

The state prosecutor. Karl Dieter Staat, said the survi-vor — named by newspapers helicopter upwards and then just let it drop". The pilots had laughed and

The dead included the two passengers had applauded the crew, a military nurse, five manoeuvre. It happened a members of television teams second time, and the helicop and six young people.

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THE only survivor of a German helicopter crash in which 13 people died said yesterday the pilots seemed to let the helicopter drop through the air and then laughed The defence ministry, inves-The air force helicopter, giving a ride to young people attending a European youth fes-tival in Dortmund, crashed in woodland south of the city on Thursday in one of Germany's worst military accidents.

an emergency landing. Mr Bolliger was pulled out of the wreckage by people who stopped on an adjacent motorway. Other passengers also appeared to be alive, but an explosion stopped more

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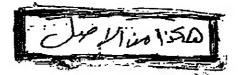
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WORLD NEWS 7

Damascus claims backing against Netanyahu **Fearful Syrians** court Arab chiefs

David Hirst in Beirut

RESIDENT Hafez al-Assad of Syria, President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt and Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia met in Damascus yes terday in the third Arab minisummit since last week's Israeli elections brought the

right to power. By coming to Damascus. Syrian officials said, the two pro-United States Arab lead ers were putting their weight behind Syria's position on the peace process, and its insistence on preserving the land-for-peace formula that Israel's prime minister-elect, Binyamin Netanyahu, has rejected. Syria and Egypt say this tripartite meeting should pave the way for a larger Arab summit.

The Syrian press warned Mr Netanyahu yesterday that if he persisted in his refusal to give up the Golan Heights, Syria "could have nothing to do with such a peace". It warned the Arabs that, while "no magic wand could bring Arab leaders together in a situation as dire as this', those "with a sense of national res-ponsibility" must work to 'save the Arab nation from

only from the shock of Israei's

electoral upheaval, but from j reported recent bomb blasts an array of dangers to which Syria now feels itself exposed. These hail from various sources - Israel, Turkey, Jor-dan, the US. But Syrians perceive them as linked, part of an attempt to make Damascus submit to US-Israeli designs for the region, or face a mounting campaign of pressure and harassment.

The latest in what Syria regards as an ominous series of developments came this week, when the US state department confirmed reports of several recent non-accidental explosions in Syria. Syria's ambassador to Washington expressed "as-tonishment" at such allegations about a country "known for security and stability". He said it smacked of attempts to discredit Syria at a rime when it sought to mobilise Arab support against the

new Israeli government and Turkish aggression. In the same category, he said, was a US intelligence report that Syria was build-ing a secret "poison gas fac-tory" near Aleppo. The report — revealed in Germany's Stern magazine this week --said US officials had passed satellite photographs of the plant to German officials. who were checking if Ger-The alarmist tone stems not mans were involved.

speculating that Turkish agents were behind them, including one that reportedly blew up the Damascus flat of Abdullah Ocalan, the leader of the Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) guerrillas. Tur-key — angered by, among other things, Syria's support of the PKK — recently signed a military co-operation agreement with Israel, to which Syria objected vehemently.

Now, Arab reports say, co-operation is expanding to include "counter-terrorism". They will help each other combat Syrian-supported "terror attacks from across their borders" - the PKK in Turkey's case, the Hizbullah in Israel's.

The Saudi newspaper Hayat also reported from Da-mascus this week that Turk-ish troops had mounted cross-border "skirmishes and harassing operations" from Hatay province, to which Syria lays claim.

Meanwhile, Syrian-Jordanian relations are worsening. King Hussein this week implicitly accused Damascus of sponsoring terrorism inside his country. Earlier, Jordanian security services said they had arrested several terrorist suspects, mainly from Syria, who had plarme about 40 attacks on Jordanian Arab newspapers have officials and Israeli tourists.

taining the remains of Trans-vaal player Pietman Van Rensburg and his father, Piet, a schools rugby coach. They had been shot dead by robbers for £45. The prison service also has problems dealing with crimi-

country was in danger of nals. Before a demonstration Commissioner George Fi-vaz warned of the crisis in a briefing to local newspaper editors, and complained of by warders this week over pay, their union appealed to prisoners not to use the opportunity to escape. Last year shortages of staff and there were about 100 breakouts a month - compared with 52 in Britain over the His warning coincided with whole year.

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tigator's report criticising a funding scandal in her de-

partment. About £2 million was spent on an Aids-aware-

ness play - much of it dona-

tions from the European

a report by a leading South African bank, Nedcor, that Crime is routinely, and to crime was costing more than some extent justly, blamed on social problems in the town-25 billion a year — considera-bly more than is entering the country through foreign in-vestment. The study showed that 80 per cent of households ships. But the country's whites have been disabused of any belief that criminal behaviour is restricted to blacks had fallen victim to crime in a by two horrendous crimes over the past week. In one a white youth giving a teenage couple a lift in his

two-year period. Mr Fivaz said one of the police's biggest problems was a shortage of qualified per-sonnel, and he estimated that 75 per cent of detectives were not properly trained. This helped explain an-

David Beresford

OUTH Africa's chief of

Spolice warned yesterday that crime in the

spinning out of control.

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this helpen explain an-other extraordinary statistic released by police last week — that they have 18,000 un-solved murders on their

A lack of training is not the force's only problem. Earlier this week it was disclosed that an internal anti-corruption unit was receiving two complaints of criminal activity by police officers a day.

A funeral service in Johan-nesburg this week gave poi-grant testimony to the crime plague. More than 40 Springbok and provincial rugby players formed a guard of Union, which is demanding honour for two coffins con- the money's return.

them strip and ordered them to have sex. When the boy, aged 15, refused he was shot dead and the gunman raped the girl, aged 13, twice. In the other case, two young white men and a woman killed and cut up a Dutch immigrant carting the dismembered pleces around in a suitcase in an attempt to claim his £460 pension. • The bealth minister, Nko-

Smoking gunman . . . Rambo Farley. a young Liberian fighter with Roosevelt Johnson's Ulimo-J faction, lights a cigaratte on Monrovia's front line — PHOTOGRAPH: DAVID GUTTENFELDER



News in brief

Big French union boosts welfare reforms

RANCE'S welfare reform plans, which sparked big public sector strikes last year. have gained fresh impetus after a leading union federa-tion pledged to take over a

side. spearheading crippling | lent to a third of central stoppages to block its plans government budget spending. late last year. Meanwhile, the national as-The pro-Socialist CFDT.

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England v India: First Test, second day

Hussain solves problem No. 3

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UTTE bow the No. 3 position became England's equivalent of a suspect package is a mystery. As with the distant relative who turns up uninvited at a family wedding, no one has seemed to want it. Until yesterday that is, when Nasser Hussain, the man who Keith Fletcher man who keith Fletcher thought was named after Den-nis the Menace's dog and who as a young international pup frequently exhibited a simi-larly temperamental nature, made it his own, certainly for the foreseeable future, with a

the foreseeable future, with a century of courage, patience and skill.

Hussain, the eighth incum-bent at first wicket down in the past 14 matches, arrived at the crease to face the third ball of the day, withstood a torrid start against some in-spired pace bowling from Ja-vagal Srinath, and was finally last out for 128, hooking the same bowler to long leg five

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Bowling: Srinath 28.2-5-103-4; Prasad 25-9-71-4, Kumble 24-4-77-1, Mhambrey 10-0-43-1.

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them with some of the finest driving seen by an England batsman in years. belonged almost exclusive

dying day that Hussain hunch had most definitely gone should have been given out india's way. After such a posi-tive start to the immings on

When, shortly before tea, Venkatesh Prasad removed Jack Russell, Chris Lewis and Dominic Cork in the space of eight balls, England were 215 for eight only one run ahead, and the odds had swung towards India. But so effi-ciently did Hussain nurse Min

ciently did Hussain nurse Min Patel and Alan Mullally, and so determinedly did this pair of debutants support him, that the last two wickets added 96 runs as he doubled his score. On a pitch that perhaps helped the bowlers more than on the first day — certainly in the morning, when the ball was hard and the surface clammy after a clear dewy night — 313, a lead of 99, was a priceless acore. a priceless score. India. left 17 difficult overs

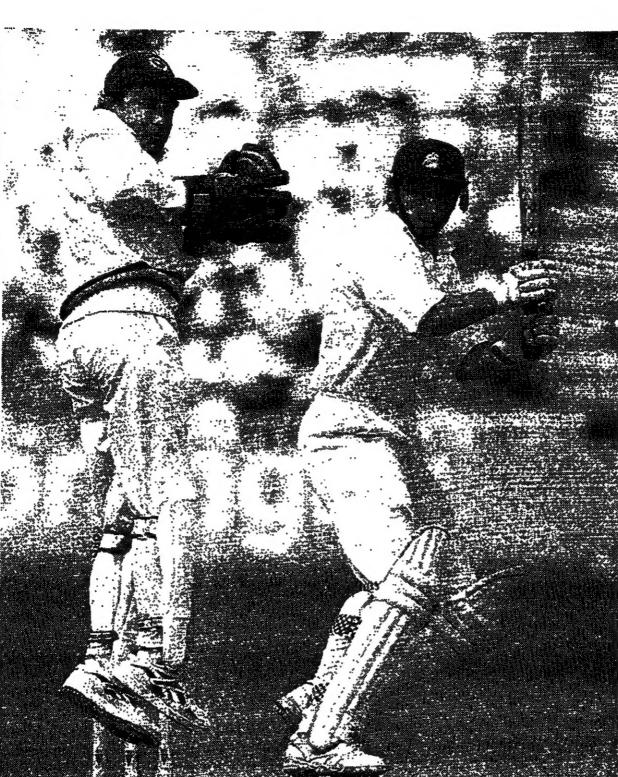
to bat in the evening and effectively a batsman short be-cause of Manjrekar's ankle light closed in anifekar's ankle injury, were grateful that the light closed in after two overs. The final lap of Hussain's journey to his maiden Test century, and the first by an England No.3 since Mike Gat-ting's amotional 117 at Ada ting's emotional 117 at Ade-laide two winters and 14 Tests ago, was pure theatre: an ex-amination of nerve for bats-

men and crowd. The ninth-wicket partner-ship had already added 49 in just under an hour when Patel shuffled back to Kumble and was lbw. Hussain needed seven more runs but first Mullally had to survive two deliveries. Hussain then swiv-elled to pull Srinath to the fine-leg boundary before taking a single. Again, for three balls, Mul-lally kept his cool. Kumble

again. Hussain pushed nervously and was almost bowled Azharuddin called up a silly point. Hussain prodded on the leg side; Kumble shifted the fielder to short leg. Hussain flicked to fine leg and took the single and prayed that Mullally could last just one more ball. He

did, and after two more deliveries from Srinath he angled the next to third man (he could play that shot in his hours and 11 minutes later. He had hit 18 fours, most of relief, pleasure and pride on

riving seen by an England atsman in years. Srnath will claim to his



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Breath of fresh air who put wind up the Indians

David Hopps finds a light at the end of light at the end of the tunnel for a former problem child

HERE are those who want to play for Eng-land and those who crave it every day of their lives. Nasser Hussain fits into the second category, which made his maiden Test hundred after an ab-sence of nearly three years all the more gratifying. At times it has been a tur-bulent journey of dark

bulent journey of dark moods — one team-mate once dubbed Hussain and Mark Ramprakash "the Mark Kamprakash "The tantrum twins" — but it is precisely such passionate qualities that now promise to serve England nobly. "David Lloyd kept saying to me at tea, 'Keep breath-ing, keep breathing'," Hus-sain joked after an innings that deserves to bring Eng.

that deserves to bring Eng-land victory. "I didn't know if I was trying to have a baby or get a Test hundred." It was an appropriate image. Hussain has long nurtured this moment, at

nurfured this moment, at first excited by the prospect but increasingly becoming desperate for release. The liberation he found was pal-pable as he punched the air within his first stride, punched it some more, and gave a supportive crowd every chance to share in his

every chance to share in his emotional release. "The crowd gave me briliant support and deserve much of the credit for keep-ing me going." he said. "They deserved more than for me just to stick the bat up towards the dressing room.

Hussain cares so deeply that his periods of failure have wormed away inside him. As England disregarded his claims, often al-luding to a hazardous. open-face technique, it would have been easy for him to settle for a hurt and land felt the same way.

defiance saw him through. There could have been a more flamboyant shot to bring up his 100th run than the deflection to third man off Javagal Srinath, but there was no more apt one. "He bowled it in my favourite third-man area and I ran it down with half a hat "he said, with a keen

and I ran it down with half a hat," he said, with a keen sense of irony. He had played Anil Kumble's leg-spin skilfully through that area, but for much of his in-nings he resolutely showed the Indian bowlers the worker's nonmaker's name.

maker's name. Every stage of Hussain's longed-for century yester-day shone not just with tal-ent but with a combative intelligence. Naturally ad-venturous, he still recog-nised when the situation called for something more discriminating.

During an uncomfortable pre-lunch session, when the ball swung considerably and bounced unevenly, he looked little further than survival. When Ronnie survival. When Ronnie Irani was biffing his run-a-ball 34 with great simplic-ity, Hussain controlled any inclinations to match him and instead soft-pedalled for a while, collecting singles while he allowed himself time to reassess. Later, when forced to seek control he did control, he did.

control, be did. Since England's glorious period of batsmanship in the mid-Eighties, when even the Australians received a trouncing, only Athey. Stewart, Hick, Gat-ting and Gower have scored a century at No. 3. If Hus-sain's installation seemed a case of giving a problem pocase of giving a problem po-sition to a one-time prob-lem child, he immediately came up with a solution. Hussain is a dedicated in-dividual and Michael Ath-

erton, for one, will appreci-

Championship: Leicestershire v Kent

by farrell Hair, caught at the wicket for 14 down the leg	Thursday evening the day		looking for a catch, Hussain st	trokes his way to a maiden Test	t century yesterday TOM JENONS	Bennai	tes it big
side and that at least partial sustice had been done. That will be small compensation.	edged Srinath's second ball			ately unlucky first thing, and	complicated knock, hitting 34 in as many balls, 28 of them in	Paul Weaver at Leicester	Instead they batted for a fur- ther 70 minutes and added
however, for it was an effort that has swung the first Test	to his overnight score, and	slip. Thorpe came in, made a	placed there for precisely that		thumping boundaries, and	HE pitch here wears a	only 27 runs before Matthew Fleming took the final two
emphatically towards Eng-	able 45 minutes in which he	breezy 21 and then missed	By this time Hussain had	43. But it had been a battle.	time out, before Srinath's	grinning death mask. It	wickets in four balls.
and after they had played thenselves into trouble.		Srinath's inswing from round the wicket, then Hick was	survived some exceptional bowling from Srinath, desper-	Ronnie Irani, though, emerged to play a pivotal un-		for two teasing days but it	Ben Smith went on to make a career-best 174 not out. It
	·	<u>``</u>				died yesterday, confounding everyone, and the match sud-	took this normally uninhib- ited player eight hours 40
Somerset v Warwick	shire		Essex v Lancashire			denly looked very tired.	minutes. Some have ques- tioned his ability, coming in
1			l			A surface that, according to some Kent players on	first wicket down, to play a
Lee's run-out	lightning strik	es twice	Lloyd streams r	his way to a first c	louble century	Wednesday, would not last three days now looks good for a week. The captains will	long innings. There can be no such doubts now. Kent got rid of Parsons
avid Foot at Taunton	lian. The dismissals were cruelly identical.	stantial first-innings lead was disappearing; Welch took two	Andy Wilson at Chelmsford	Lloyd's innings was the more remarkable as Lanca-	Lloyd's partnership with Titchard, so far worth 332,	have to get their heads together this morning if a	quickly enough but then Smith and Pierson added 39
	This talented pair had	wickets in an over, including	LARIAN David Tland	shire had been 55 for three	was also a Lancashire re-	result is to be dragged from it.	for the ninth wicket.
ARCUS TRESCOTHICK and Shane Lee fielded	in a manner that must have	Warwickshire rediscovered	WHAT David Lloyd would have given to	at one stage, still 305 away from avoiding the follow-on,	cord for the fourth wicket. Titchard finished on 112	Kent are 185 for no wicket in their second innings, 78	The Kent innings was a lit- tle different. Fleming has
le by side in the slips yes- riay afternoon. They had	been immensely pleasurable to the Somerset faithful. Then	their verve and ended 13 runs ahead. There was the timely	join his former Lancashire opening partner Barry	and he had been streaming with hay fever all morning.	not out, only the third cen- tary of his career and on	runs ahead. A couple of weeks ago Yorkshire upset Kent at	been only a mixed success opening in the championship
uch to talk about. It in-	Lee executed another stylish straight drive, deflected by	capture of a maiden wicket by	Wood here yesterday. Not that the England coach had	Despite having only two	his first championship ap-	Canterbury by not declaring	in place of Mark Benson this
lived a variation of Sod's aw at the crease. Trescoth-	the howler Welch on to the	on his debut. He needed it	a bad day at Edgbaston, but	centuries to his name, he	pearance of the season. Al- though admirable and in-	on the final day and batting through. Today the onus is on	season, with 173 runs in eight innings and only one fifty.
the sturdy left-hander aying his way back into the	stumps with Trescothick caught backing up.	badly for peace of mind; there were two boundary wides in	whereas Wood senior saw his son Nathan fail on his	set the tone when getting off the mark by taking a	valuable, his effort was inevitably overshadowed.	Kent to make a game of it. Leicestershire resumed yes-	Here, with Kent badly in need of guick runs, he
m which made him look	Trescothick was out for 34, going on 50 at least. Lee, after	one hanless over.	first-team debut, Lloyd's lad Graham hit a spectacu-	four and two sixes off an over from Peter Such. By	The loudest cheer he received all day greeted a	terday three runs behind on	reached his fifty with his second successive six off
e of our best young bats- in, had earlier in the day	a succession of boundaries on	stopped play Warwickshire	lar double century, the first	the end of the day he had	single that took him to 70.	out for 431 to lead by 107. But	Brimson and when he
en run out by Lee. So he had in the previous	both sides of the wicket, per- fect in their timing and sim-	gone in the leg trap. Somer-	of his career. It included the fastest	belted 12 sixes, a Lanca- shire record. The dozen in-	It came from the pavilion bar, where the Essex mem-	they spent too much time over it. They scored 80 runs	reached his hundred from 128 deliveries it was 103 fewer
teh against Northampton-	plicity, went for 65, particu-	set's seam had not met with	hundred of the season - off 70 balls: the second took	cluded two lost balls, one in a garden and the other at	bers had nursed Nasser Hussain through to his	in the morning session and	than Smith had taken. He was well supported by Fulton,
ire But there was no udge to bear, certainly no	extra cover by Brown. Sud-	inut neither had Pollock	him 71 balls — and he ended unbeaten on 227.	the bottom of the River	maiden Test century on the	lunched at 404 for eight. It was then that they needed to	who is 52 not out, but the
me to attach to the Austra-	denly the likelihood of a sub-	Caused too much trouble.	enned undeaten on 127.	Can.	big-screen television.	declare or increase the tempo.	pitch is laughing at everyone.
		Scoreboard	KENT Second Imings D P Fution not out	YORKSHIRE Second lookage A WeGrath c Ward b Julian	DURHAM Fint Innings	NOTTS & MORTHANTS Treat Bridge: Nots (7pt) trail Northants	Surrey sick
	cep.com		W V Flemming not cut	M Vaughan c A Hollioake b Raisinte 91 "D Byas low b 8 C Hollioake	S L Campbell c Greenfield b Giddine 45 "M A Roseberry b Giddina	(3) by 506 runs with alght first-innings wickets standing.	of Vaughan
BUILOSOC		Britannic Assurance County Championship	Total (for 0, 48 overs)	C While c Ward b Pearmon	J E Morra c Wells b Salisbury	R J Balley c Pollard & Alford 163	•
		(Today: 11.0)	To bets T.R. Ward, C.L. Hooper, G.R. Cow- drey, M.A. Ealham, "rS.A. Mersh, M.J. NcCague, N.W. Praeston, E.J. Stanford, B.J.	19 J Blakey not out 7 Extras (04, lb9, w3, nb16j	5 D Burbeck line b Salatarry	JP Taylor c Pick b Tolley	MICHAEL VAUGHAN will have happy memo-
	IT'S AWFUL	Cheimsford Lancashre (öpts) trail Essex (5) by 122 runs with seven tirst-innings	Phillips. Bowling: Millins 8-2-21-0: Persons	Total (for 5, 51 overs)	TC W Scott c Mooras b Salisbury 0 M M Betts c Drakes b Salisbury 0 J Boiling c Salisbury b Drakes	D J Capel c Walker b Tolley	ries of Middlesbrough after his fine all-round display
WHAT'S UP MATE?	EVERYTIME I GO INTO	vickets standing. 2856X First laalnys (overnight 448-6)	13-4-44-0, Pierson 10-1-33-0, Simmons 9-1-20-0, Brimson 9-0-52-0, Umpires J D Bond and D J Constant.	Bowling: Julian 9-1-44-1, B C Hollipake 9-0-40-1; A J Hollipake 7-2-25-0; Benja- mm 9-2-47-0; Pagraon 12-1-48-1, Bick-	S J E Brown c Greentield b Drakes 12 D M Cox not out	CELAmbras not gui	helped Yorkshire to a lead
I HEARD	THE BAR SOMEONE	J J B Leans C Speak b Austin	MIDDLESEX + GLANORGAN	nui 2-0-9-0: Racille 3-0-10-2.	Extras (b2, lb2, nb5)	Extras (b14, ib17, nb14)	of 344 runs with five second-innings wickets in
YOU WERE BROKE	SHOUTS "HANDS UP	P M Such b Chapple	Lord's: Middlesex (8pts) lead Glamorgan (5) by 50 runs with one Bral-unings wicket	SOMERSET # WARWECKSHIRE Tunnton: Warwickshire (Spis) land Som-	Fall of wiekets: 71, 90, 119, 132, 132, 136, 156, 156, 156, 157	Fall cost: 365, 389, 400, 410, 481, 524.	hand against Surrey, writes Chris Curtain.
1	WHO'S BUYING	S J W Andrew not out	GLANORGANE First Innings 238 (G P	eraet (5) by 71 runs with nine second- immage wickets standing. WARWICKSHIPE First mnings 255 (T I,	Bowling: Orahus 11.1-3-45-2; Lowry 8-0-28-0; Law 4-0-30-0; Salisbury	Bowtings Carros 27-4-75-1; Evans 35-12-71-2; Pick 28-7-71-0; Alford 38-9-105-2; Bates 30-5-140-0; Talley	The 21-year-old followed up his 135 with career-best
\	THE NEXT ROUND."	Total (139.1 overs)	Final Indiana (overnight 25-2)	Penney 77; Caddick 5-76).	11-6-15-5: Giddins 10-1-36-2. Umpleum 7 E Josty and M J Krichen.	36-3-102-2; Dates	bowling, taking four for 62
	//	Score at 120 overs: 6-464. Bowling: Chapple 20.1-1-110-2. Elworthy	R A Fay & Colley b Buicher 26	First innings (overnight: 100-4) M E Trescothick run out	HAMPSHIRE + DERBYSHIRE Southampton Hampshire (Apts) trail Der-	P R Pollard not out	with his off-spin as Surrey were dismissed for 197.
Υ.		21-3-78-0; Austin 31-5-116-5; Walkinson 25-6-105-1; Koody 34-11-75-2; Speak 5-0-18-0.	M R Ramprakash e Shaw 5 Watton _ 07 "M W Gatting e Shaw b Watton 10	jR J Turner noi out	byshire f6) by 181 runs with live first-in-	R T Robinson c Ambrose b Taylor 9 G F Ancher b Ambrose	Vaughan then hit 91 from
		LANCASHINE	J D Carr si Shan b Croit	J D Batty c Prper b Altree	C J Adams ibu b lidal	*P Johnson rol out	127 balls and only missed out on a century in each in-
		First Lonings N J Speak 5 Such	A R C Fraser not out	K J Shine c Smith b Weigh	IF Cuton a Lietu h Cassar	Total (lor 2, 24 overs)	nings when Jason Ratcliffe came on with his occa-
		N T Wood c Rollins b Comm. 1 J P Crawley c Law b liot	Tatal (lar 9, 113 4 overs)	Total (70 overa)	P A J DeFreiter c James b Udel 11 TK M Krikten ibw b Comor	To hat: †L N P Walker, C L Carms, C M Tolley, K P Evans, R T Bales, R A Pick, J A	sional seam-up. His first de-
ARKER		S /P Tilchard not out 112 G D Lloyd not out 227 Extras (85, nb12) 17	281, 268	Bewiling: Pollock 21-8-35-2; Alfree 13-2-08-1; Weich 15-1-64-3; Brown	A J Harris c White b Udal	Altord. Bowtings Ambrose 6-1-31-1; Taylor 5-2-17-1; Emburey 7-2-21-0; Penberiky	livery was a gentle long hop which the batsman mis-
		Total (for 3, 78 overs)	To bat P C R Tuinell. Bowling: Walton 27-9-63-2: Thomas 21-4-43-1: Crott 25:4-4-68-5. Barwick	20-6-61-3: Smith 1-1-0-0. WARWICKSHURE Second impings	Editas (b1, 1515) 16	4-0-14-0; Roberts 2-0-12-0.	cued straight to Adam Hol-
		Pad of whickets: 10, 13, 55. To hats 'M Walkinson, 1W K Hepp. (D	20-5-47-0, Butcher 12-6-27-1; Kandrick 8-1-29-0.	"A J Moles not out	Total (138.3 overs)	OTHER MATCH: The Parks: Words 403-4 dec (M J Church 152, W P C Weston 124, T	lioake at midwicket. Vaughan had added 170
		Austin, S Elworthy, G Chappie, G Keedy Bowling: Nott 15-0-65-1; Cowan 12-2-40-1, Such 13-5-93-1; Andrew	Umphress J H Hempshire and K E Palmer.	D P Ostler noi out	107. Score at 120 overst 6-424.	M Moody (Bind) and 48-0. Oxford Univ 338-9 dec (C M Gupte 132; Church 4-50). BAIN HOGG TROPHY: D Edwardiana	in 38 overs with the Yor- kies' prolific Aussie,
22		12-2-40-1, Sach 18-5-53-1; Andrew 13-2-50-0; Grayson 14-0-84-0; Law 5-0-30-0	VORKSHIRS • SURREY Middlesbrough: Yorkshire (Tpis) lead	Total (for 1, 14.1 overs)	Bowlingr Connet 22-5-70-3; Bovil 15-4-64-0; Jam06 22-3-53-2; Suphenson 8-1-32-0; Udel 40-11-127-4; Maru	CCr Warks 281-8 (52 overs: M Burns 71, D	Michael Bevan (88 not out),
		Umpires: A A White and P Willoy	Burrey (4) by 344 runs with five second- innings wickers standing.	Bowling: Caddick 7-1-28-1; Shine 5-0-20-0; Lee 2.1-0-4-0	22.3-5-56-1; Whitaker 3-9-20-0; White 6-0-34-0	J Lovell 91; Remy 5-46). Loics 225-4 (41.4 overs; D Stevens 97no, S Bartle 50). Warka	but there was also a place in the sun for Richard Bla-
		LEICESTERSHIRE v KENT Leicestershire	YORKSHIRE: First Innings 305 (M P Vaughan 125; Holtoake 4-74). SURREY	SUSSEX + DURMAN	HAMPSHERE	an laster scoring rate. Old Traffords Lancs 175-8 (L.J. Martand 80) Durham 178-6 (O.J. Hughes 56), Durham woh by	key who continued his fine form with another five vic-
		(8) by 76 runs with all second-innings wickets shanding.	First innings (overnight 76-2) D J Bleimell Ibw b Yaughah	Howe Support (8pts) lead Durham (1) by 363 runs on Srat innings.	First looings "J P Stephenson c Rollins b Jones 85	four wickets.	tims behind the stumps.
	_	KENT: First innings 324 (1 R Ward 90, G R Cowdrey 71, S A Marsh 51).	J D Raminte st Blakey b Vaughan 20 "A 4 Holingake Ibu b Sterup	SUSSEX First innings (overnight: 302-4) N J Lenham By b Brown	J S Laney the b Malcolm	Tomorrow	At Hove, Lan Salisbury took six for 15 as Durham
sit the Tirtual chat bar and s	eet fans from across Europe.	LEICESTERSHIRE First innings (overnight: 321-7) B F Smith not out 174	A D Brown c Bevan b Stemp 10 D M Ward c Byes b Stemp 15	D A C Law run out	P A Whiteker b Jones	AXA EGUTTY & LAW LEAGUE Chaims- forth Essay v Lancs. Southempton: Hants v Derbys: Lalosatory Locs v Kenz	were skittled for 159. The
	A.	G J Parsons c Fulton b McCague 14 A R K Piereon c & b Fleming	β P adden b Vaughan	IDK Salisbury : Beta b Cov	A J Maru not out 2 Entras (b6, ib4, w1, nb12) 23	Note v Northants Treatmen Southerest v	leg-spinner, who had only taken two first-class wick-
	WWW.	M T Brimson & Flersung 0 Extras (b8. lb4, nb2) \$4	A M Pearson not out 16 J E Benjanen run out 23 Eraras (13 w), nbB) 12	J D Lewry not out		William Menant Summer to Dushast Man	ets this season, had a spell
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Golf Spooky but satisfying for Oldcorn

David Davies at Forest of Arden

end it was pot luck." Montgomerie had similar problems. Recounting his woes, he said; "I three-putted

NDREW OLDCORN, a Bolton-born golfer with a Scottish accent, remains the leader of an English Open sponsored by a car-rental company with a name. Alamo, that commemorates either a Mexican slaughter of some Texans or the subsequent act of revenge. Oldcorn topped a leader-board that reflected the cul-

tural diversity of the tournament, adding a 71 to his firstround 66 to be seven under par on 137 and the leader by one shot from Denmark's Steen Tinning and Camberwell's Peter Mitchell.

Colin Montgomerie, who had hoped to do something like a 65, settled for a 68 which left him one under, six shots behind with 36 holes to play. Oldcorn rightly ob-served that anyone who makes the cut can still win this tournament, and Montgo-merie certainly believes that.

"I'm not out of it," he said. "Sixty-eight was worse than "Sixty-eight was worse than second successive cut and I'd expected and I'll have to do better obviously, but two 675 for the second successive day. over the weekend ... that'll This is good for a man who, come quite close. I want to asked the biggest name he win; I'm not here looking for had ever played with in a a place.

Here his views deviated slightly from those of a number of writers who had taken the 14-1 each-way odds against the Scot after his opening 75.

Oldcorn, nine under at one point, felt he had missed a chance to put "some day-light" between himself and the field by missing putts of four, three and eight feet at the 6th, 7th and 8th. "Mind you," he added, "the greens

Norman heads

score.

Cycling

the 3rd, missed from eight feet at the 8th, from four feet at the 10th and 12th and from three feet at the 16th." It was at this point that he looked up, grinned and said: "Good, this, innit?" That at least shows a level-headed tem perament that could serve him well next week in the US Michael Welch, once a winner of six boys' titles in a single year, was returning to his Shropshire home on Sun-

day when the car-phone rang with the glad news that he was in this week's event the 148th player out of 156. At the moment Welch is living his golfing life on the edge

and takes every chance he can get to earn prize-money. This increases the pressure on him whenever he does play, hence nine missed cuts in 11 tournaments this year. Happily he carded 69 yes terday for a three-under-par

total of 141 that beat his asked the biggest name he had ever played with in a tournament, could not think

of one. He could have said Steve Webster, his playing partner yesterday and last year's lead-ing amateur at the Open. Webster had nine birdies in a 68 to stand at four under, only three shots behind the leader. but was quick to dismiss sug-

French Open on a blazing afternoon yesterday, beaten forlornly in straight sets by Yevgeny Kafelnikov in their semi-final. The No. 1 seed was an obcure shadow of his normal self, three previous five-set matches having taken a drastic toll. Many had susThe Guardian Saturday June 8 1996



Stretching out . . . but Michael Stich was hardly extended in his semi-final win over Marc Rosset at Roland Garros yesterday

Russian cuts down drained Sampras

Slam final. His elation was Stephon Bierley In Paris

understandably restrained. "After the first set the ete sampras, visihalloon popped," said Sam-pras. "I had nothing in the bly drained of virtually all energy and econd set and although I quietly and sadly out of the picked up a bit in the third I was running on fumes." The tank was finally dry and he was lost in France. Sampras had arrived in Paris Ill-prepared for clay. He should have competed in the Italian Open but pulled out because of the death of his friend and coach Tim Gullikson. Nevertheless he played here with tremenpected it was inevitable, sooner or later, that he would run out of gas. dous guts having been allotted an exceptionally tough

"He was not, for sure, the ever before. same Pete as we are used to seeing," said the 22-year-old Russian, who by beat-ing the American 7-6, 6-0, 6-2 reached his first Grand In the second round he beat the twice French Open mpion Sergi Bruguera of Spain and later his fellow

a double champion here. Sampras, who said after-wards that his back was still giving him trouble, has pulled out of next week's Queen's tournament. He will fly home to Tampa today and return for Wim-bledon in just over two veek

The back may be twinge ing but the real weakness is in his mind. The death of Gullikson clearly affected him immensely and last ingly. Some believed destiny might lift Sampras to his first French title, but it was not to be.

Kafelnikov, who lost draw, and went further than classic five-set match to impras in the Australian Open in 1994, realised something was wrong after taking the first set. "Before that I was too uptight to anvthing.

"but then I thought maybe he had some back trouble." This first set was crucial Sampras led 4-2 in the tiebreak but then lost five successive points. Had he taken the set, sheer adrena lin might have surged him to victory. Yet even this is doubtful.

Statistical freaks in the French met office claimed yesterday was the hottest June 7 since the Crimean War; if Kafelnikov had been firing cannon rather than tennis balls at him. Sampras could not have been more troubled.

Kafelnikov had lost to Thomas Muster, the even tual winner, in last year's semi-finals here. "That time I gave myself zero chance; this time I thought I had a small chance." He ckoning on a fully

fit, fully focused Sampras; (it," said Kafelnikov. He the American was neither. Kafelnikov becomes the

Switzerland's Marc Rosset 6-3, 6-4, 6-2. Stich was dominant. It was a totally match of few errors but numerous Stich winners. Kafelnikov and Stich

have played nine times be fore, with the Russian 6-3 up. However, they have met only once in a Grand Slam tournament, the 1994 US Open, when Stich swept past in straight sets. "I think everything will

depend on the beginning of the American doubles the match and how I handle

will get a taste of the ten-sion today when, with the Czech Daniel Vacek, he plays in the doubles final. • Mark Petchey was the sole British man to survive the quarter-finals at Beckenham, beating the Bahamian Roger Smith 6-4. 6-3.

Vento of Venezuela.

specialist Murphy Jensen

RNIE ELS's search for his first US Tour win of the year gathered moesterday when he mentum stretched his overnight lead to five shots in the Buick Classic. He is confident of complet-

David Hende

in Harrison, New York

rewards. It was the second occasion this year that Norman had first-hand experience of the Chess enormous potential of Els, who partnered the Australian to a pair of 67s in the opening

Soccer

The Kamskvs

Tennis

first male Russian to reach a Grand Slam final. Alex Metreveli was the beaten Wimbledon finalist in 1973 but he was a Georgia In tomorrow's final Kafelnikov will play Germany's Michael Stich, who defeated

But Clare Wood can today become the first British woman to triumph on the Kent grass since 1967. having ousted the German top seed Christina Singer 💲 6-2, 6-1 to set up a final with the No. 6 seed Maria

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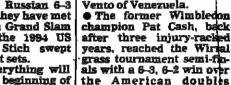
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ing his 1996 breakthrough after punishing the Westchester Country Club course with six birdies - bringing his haul to 14 in two rounds - for a 66 and an 11-under-par 131. It lifted Els clear of his fel-

low South African David Frost (69) and six ahead of his playing pariner Greg Nor-man, who was an impressed spectator as he settled for a 70 after a poor performance on the slick greens.

Els has a rich pedigree on this hilly and heavily wooded course, having finished fourth alongside Nick Faldo last year and second on his only other appearance, in 1994, when he went on to beat Scotland's Colin Montgomerie in a play-off to win the US Open.

"I am relaxed and feel very "I didn't push myself and everything fell into place. Two weeks ago people were opening with a level-par 71.

Rowing

Boardman is **Test of nerve** back in frame for Haining

Christopher Dodd in Lucerne Kenny Pryde

ANDY SINTON and Nick Strange qualified for tomorrow's lightweight double sculls final at the Olympic qualifying regatta here yester-day. But Peter Haining, the world lightweight singles champion for the past three years, must race in a repechage today to keep his Olympic dream alive. Only one boat from each

heat made the final in yesterday's humid programme. Sin-ton and Strange led all the way against the French, Portuguese and Romanians. The Italians, Marco Audisio and and Michelangelo Crispi, won the other heat.

In the open single sculls Haining was beaten by the Dutchman, Merlin Vervoorn, who led all the way to qualify. Norway's Frederik Bekken cruised to victory in the other heat against opposition that Haining should be able to

trounce in the repechage. Britain's women's eight, who race in a final tomorrow without needing heats, had a bonus when the Russians were excluded because their Olym-pic committee refused to endorse their place for the Games in the event of their qualifying. Four of the five Russian crews were scratched when only the men's quadruple sculling crew though." were endorsed.

CHRIS BOARDMAN resurgood Tour de France with a fine third place in the fifth stage of the Dauphiné Libéré yesterday. Almost inevitably the 42-

kilometre time-trial was won by Miguel Indurain, 28 econds ahead of the Swiss Tony Rominger and 40 in front of Boardman, although the Spaniard failed to take the overall race lead from Lau-rent Jalabert, who leads him

by three seconds. But for all the predictabil-ity of the result there have been hints of a more interest-

summit of Mont Ventoux.

Boardman, who described his own Mont Ventoux experience as "a serious setback", was happier yesterday. "I'm surprised." said the Olympic pursuit champion, who now lies in overall eighth place. Smin 58sec back. "I expected to get a kicking when I may to get a kicking when I was warming up. Now, looking at the result, I wish I had tried a

two rounds of the Johnnie Walker Classic in Singapore. Norman admitted: "I canwhinge not see a weakness in Ernie's but Karpov game; there is no doubt he's the best young player in the world. I might have put more pressure on him today but I has a win have lost a lot of confidence Leonard Barden with my putter. That's the only thing holding me back from shooting a real low

HE world championship match between Anatoly While Norman struggled on Karpov of Russia and his the greens, Els prospered with pinpoint accuracy from the tee, backed up by an as-Soviet-born American chal-lenger Gata Kamsky began in lively style with a 57-move win by the champion and a sured putting stroke which yielded four birdies in the last storm of protests from Kamsky's difficult father Rustam about the match rules.

yielded four birdles in the last eight holes, twice from 12 feet and twice from two yards. Els's surge left Nick Faldo with plenty to do if he is to make an impact before going to Detroit for next week's US Open. He was among the late starters and began his second round 11 behind Els after opening with a level-per 71. After only one of the sched-uled 20 games both players have already threatened to walk out. Trouble started when the Kamskys wanted up to seven hours' play a day. Karpov, at 45 nearly twice his opponent's age and noted for suspect stamina in previous

marathon matches, insisted on six hours, the rule in force when the three-year championship cycle began. They were still arguing when Karpov drew the white pleces and opened 1 d4, but officials of the International Chess Federation (Fide) even-

tually upheld Karpov's case and the champion sealed his 57th move (Bd5) after six hours. By then be had a won position, and yesterday Kamsky resigned by tele-

phone without resuming play. Earlier Ramsky's father threatened to pull Gata out of the match if Kirsan Ilyumzhi-

nov, the Fide president and ruler of the Kalmykian repub-lic where this match is being played, insisted on \$0.5 mil-lion of the nominal \$2 million prize-fund going to the "Kalmyk Children's Fund" in addition to Fide's cut of \$0.4 mil-lion. When Ilyumzhinov said he would replace Kamsky by

another challenger, Rustam caved in. Karpov proved impervious

been hints of a more than in recent years. In Thursday's mountain stage Jalabert and Richard Virenque dropped In-Richard Virenque dropped Indurain, taking a minute out of his overall lead, on the 10-mile climb to the finish at the peers. He niggled away at peers. He niggled away at Kamsky's weak pawns and emerged with a winning

emerged with a winning passed pawn of his own, White Kurper, Bincis Kanaky, 1 d4 Ni6 2 od g6 3 Nc3 d6 4 Ni3 Bg7 5 Gb3 drod 6 Grod D 07 of Nc6 8 Bc2 Bg4 9 Bc3 Bria 10 Bria 5 11 d5 Nc4 12 Bc4 1557 13 Nr05 Nrs4 1a 0-0 g6 15 Nc3 Nc8 16 Gc3 Or4 i7 g3 Ch3 16 Bc4 ac44 19 Nc2 Ch3 20 N4 Rb6 21 Gc45 Nx15 22 Nc3 Bh6 23 Re1 35 W Bg4 Nc6 25 Re2 ac5 36 Re3 27 Rc2 Rx45 28 Rcc7 Rc5 29 Bf3 Bg5 20 Rc1 Rc8 31 Rcc6+ Nrc6 32 Nc6 Ac7 Bc5 Xr62 h6 3 Kr62 Nf 33 Rc6 Nc6 Ac7 Bc5 Xr62 h6 3 Kr62 Nf 33 Rc6 Xr63 Rc1 Nc6 54 Nc2 Rc4 16 D Ka5 K5 16 Rc1 4 Nc6 Bg7 45 ac Raf 16 Nc6 Xr 30 Rc4 Rc4 4 Nc6 Bg7 45 ac Raf 16 Nc6 Xr 30 Rc6 Rc1 48 Nc6 Bg7 45 ac Raf 16 Nc6 Xr 30 Rc6 Rc1 48 Nc6 Bg7 45 ac Raf 16 Nc7 + Kc6 47 Nc5 hc7 48 Nc2 H1 49 Nc3 Raf 16 Ncb K5 16 Rc1 Ro6 Bh6 Sg As g6 ac Raf 57 bd5 Resigns. bit harder. There's still some-

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Martin Thorpe

HE Premier League will attempt to shine some light into the often murky world of agents by introducing a licensing system next season. "There will be an application fee and it will be at the discretion of the Premier League Board as to who gets a licence," said a spokesman. "Agents will have to agree to conduct themselves in an eth-

ical and professional manner and act for only one party in all transactions." The decision was made at

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the Premiership AGM, which The Spurs chairman Alan Sugar failed to win support to represent the Premiership on also agreed to tighten up on the large television screens the FA Council. David Dein erected at several grounds. (Arsenal), Doug Ellis (Aston Villa), David Richards (Shef-Tottenham's shows the game as it happens, but the spokes man said that would in future field Wednesday) and Ken need prior written consent. It was felt that live action Bates (Chelsea) won re-election and the only vacancy went to Coventry's Brian Richardson. • Sheffield Wetnesday have rejected a £1.65 million bid could undermine referees. who also gained from the AGM a modest pay rise: up 225 to 2350 per game. With any three from five substitutes allowed next seafrom Real Sociedad for the Yugoslav Darko Kovacevic. Chris Waddle may return to son it was agreed that, to Newcastle as player-coach. avoid cluttering the touch-line, only three from each team can warm up at a time.

Bordeaux's Christophe Dugarry has turned down Blackburn to join Milan. H Kaoh (Sws); E Orley (Swiz); M Kaoh (Ger). 70 R Carriedo (Sp); X Wunsch (Sp), B Pestana (SA); D Dowing; C Sorenslam (Sws), 71 S Prosser: L Fanciough; L van Engelenburg (Neth); L Brooky (NZ); N Gole (Aus); M L Scent (Aus); M Arrub (Sp). Venise, 42. film): 1. M Induralin (Sp) 49mm 31sec; 2, 7 Rominger (Switz) al 28sec, 3, C Boardman (OB) 40 Overatil: 1. Jalaber 20hr 23mm 43sec; 2, Indursh al 3sec; 3, Rominger 142: 8, Boardman 3.56.

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press conference. But, eve the realist, he pulled himsef up for his triteness.

ALLY MCCOIST, the Rangers striker, is likely to be the first Scotland player at Euro 96 to ignore Craig Brown's instruction to leave the warnapint at home Europe. But I would rather Scotland qualified for the The woad-dyed faces of Mel Gibson's Bravebeart may second round than worry too have appealed to a global au-dience, but Scotland's coach much about scoring myself.

"But I'm sure you've heard insists that composure will be all that rubbish before." required in the Group A His captain, Gary McAllis-ter, interjected with a little sarcasm of his own: "Yeah, matches, starting with the Dutch at Villa Park on when he gets the ball in the box, he'll be cutting it back to McCoist, however, has a personal battle making it difa team-mate."

ficult to suppress the aggres-sion that has made him the It remains to be seen if McCoist is given the chance to break his duck. His clubmost prolific scorer in Rangers' history. The 33-yearmate Gordon Durie seems the old striker has yet to score a first pick and it is likely Scott goal in a major tournament, including the Champions' League and the finals of the World Cup and European Booth of Aberdeen John Spencer of Chelsea are ahead of McCoist in the queue for a start against Holland.

Championship. McCoist completed the Brown confirmed he had decided his line-up for this Scots' first training session at game weeks ago. He will not their Warwickshire base yesannounce it until an hour before Monday's 4.30pm kick-

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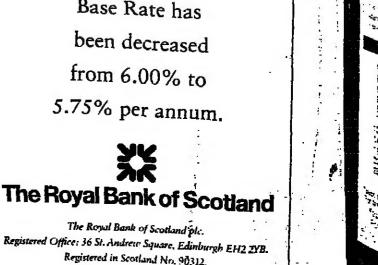
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XPERIENCE, it is said, is the best teacher. When it comes to the Derby there are three trainers represented at Epson today who have certainly learnt a thing or two about what it takes to win British. Flat racing's most coveted prize.

In the past 18 years Henry Cecil, Dick Hern and John Dunlop have amassed eight Derby winners between them. It is precisely that sort of er-perience which can point the way for punters in a particularly open year. Dushyantor, Alhaarth and

St Mawes have had varying, and not altogether satisfac-tory, preparations. But the accumulative know-how of Mesars. Cecil, Hern and Dun-lop should ensure that each cont will be fit to run for its life on the day that matters.

Dushyantor is the one with the greatest potential. If there is a runner in today's race capable of stamping himself something out of the ordinary it is this lightly-raced colt.

Already Cecil and his Warren Place team have worked wonders to get Dushyantor

'Over this extra two furiongs, he is confidently expected to beat Glory Of Dancer this time.'

this far. The slowest of learn-ers, this Sadler's Wells colt made hard work of winning his only race last year and has suffered problems with cracks to his feet which necassitated the insertion of screws in three of his hooves. I all this sounds alarming it s worth recalling that Cecil

faced serious problems with Reference Point in the springo' 1987 before he came through to follow up the suble's Derby success with sable's Derby success with ven Stakes Alharth refused Sip Anchor two years earlier: to settle and was beaten a Three years ago Cecil con-firmed the horses-for-courses heory by sending out Com-nander In Chief to win. Du-to state and was beauchamp King. Alhaarth struggled to finish fourth in the 2,000 Gaineas, over six lengths behind close frmed the horses-for-courses theory by sending out Com-nander in Chief to win. Du-

part of the process begun in the Dante Stakes at York —

traditionally one of the best Derby trials. But what is usually an informative race was marred by a slow gallop, and to make matters worse for Dushyantor he was given a poor ride, held up well off the pace before being asked to quicken in a sprint to the

That he was able to get within half a length of the Glory Of Dancer, speaks vol-umes for Dushyantor's abil-ity. Like Commander In Chief, he is improving with each race and, over this extra

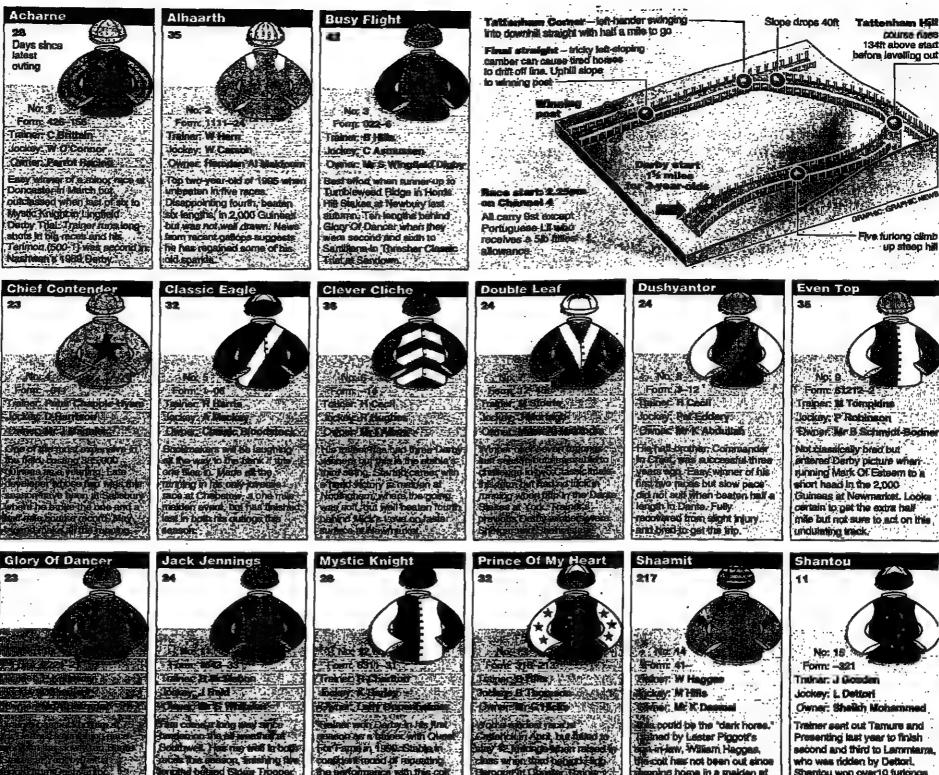
each race and, over this extra two furlongs, is confidently expected to beat Glory Of Dancer this time. Jack Jennings, allowed to dictate a modest gallop, was almost certainly flattered to finish third in the Dante, two places ahead of Double Leaf, with Storm Trooper sixth. Storm Trooper is an inter-esting second string for Caril esting second string for Cecil, having made short work of St Mawes and Jack Jennings

over nine furlongs at New-market in April. With hind-sight, it was a mistake to run him in the 2,000 Guines St Mawes, though, should be a different proposition over this distance. Whereas Storm Trooper was trained to the minute at Newmarket,

the minute at Newmarkst, John Dunlop's colt is only now starting to find his feet. Dunlop, trainer of Derby winners Shirley Heights and Erhaab, reckons he has St Mawes in better shape now than at any stage this season. Things did not go right for St Mawes at Goodwood last time, when he staved on to

time, when he stayed on to take third place behind Don Micheletto — subsequently fourth in the French Derby He may not be quick enough to win today, but is sure to be going on at the finish. Backers still realing from the setbacks to Nash House and Dr Massini may be tempted to write of Alhaerth,

who was Derby favourite throughout the winter. But a closer look at this season's efforts suggests this is not the time to give up on him. In a small field for the Cra-



tommander, is one of the best doing so he turned the Craven ired horses on display this Stakes tables on Beauchamp ffermoon.

His dam, Slightly Danger-rus, who was second in the Jaks, has also foeled the top lass miler Warning and De-ploy, who went close to win-

leading contenders guaran-teed to stay a mile and a half. Not so Dushyantor.

time out this season, not a resounding victory in itself, but one which pleased Pat Eddery and provided a valuable | • Today's racecards, page 8

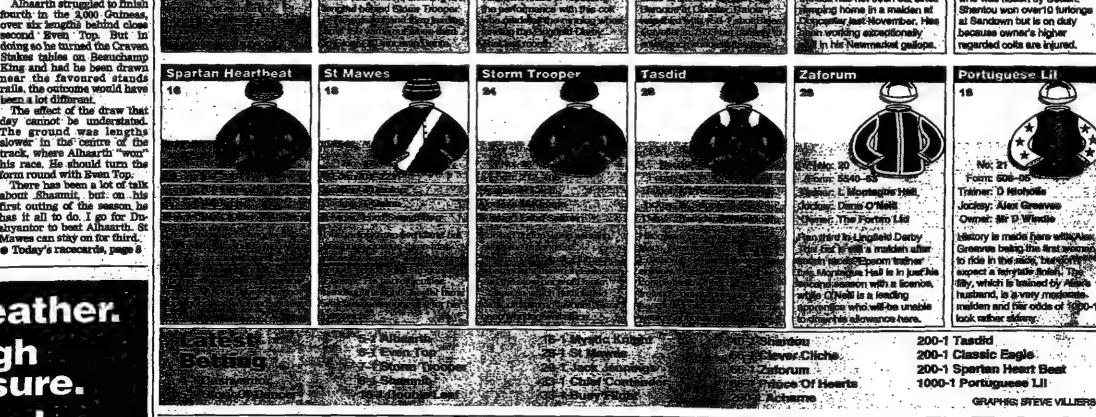
near the favoured stands rails, the outcome would have been a lot differen The effect of the draw that day cannot be understated. aing the Irish Derby. Even in an open race such as this, there are not many the asthis there are not many his race. He should turn the form round with Even Top. There has been a lot of talk He won over the full Derby about Shazmit, but on his distance at Newmarket first first outing of the season he has it all to do. I go for Du-shyantor to best Alhaarth. St

Mawes can stay on for third."

Hot weather. High pressure. Good ground. Now for the



Dertry, Ladbrokes are favourite.



Bookies go 1,000-1 against Ms Greaves and her filly

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of the Derby to ride in the premier classic when she parameter classic when she partners Portuguese Lil, Writes Chris Handlas. The enormality of the start of the three. Der gesterday and Cor-The enormoussess of her calmness personified after-task is summed up by the wards, saying: "To me this bookies' odds of 1,000-1, al-is a job. I do it every day. though Portuguese Lil, a filly, has attracted interest, with Ladbrokes taking a time of the race P1 proha-

LEX GREAVES be-comes the first woman in the 217-year history he Derby to ride in the misr classic when she there Portuguese Lil, s Caris Hankins. Today's extra half-mile Although she is breaking new ground at Epson, 28 year-old Alex has plenty of the first woman rider to high win against professionals the first woman rider to win against professionals under National Huntroles. Despite her racing back-originally looked else-where first woman so win the the first voman rider to win against professionals under National Huntroles. David Nicholls, her hus-originally looked else-where first woman rider to the 1990 season in tremen-dons style, riding 18 win-hers from 31 rides, and led the jockey championship professionals as a joke. "The only way that horse could win is if at halfwy it first woman to win the highly competitive Lincoln where for a carser and Handicap and the first to ride a four-timer.

This pioneering streak apparently runs in her fam-ity as her mother, Val, was finishing tenth.

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Lil, 100-1 when she ran in cut across the middle," said the 1,000 Guineas ridden by Geoff Lewis. "But since Alex. Widely expected to be last, the filly in fact man-aged to beat three home in run across the Downs, it

who was ridden by Dettori,

at Sandown but is on duty

Shantou won over10 furlongs

Geoff Lewis. "But since they've closed the Great can't even do that."

Rugby Union

Wales hope to catch Wallabies on hop

David Pleasant in Brisbare ALBS today revisit when scene of their greatest humiliation when they face Australia at Ballymore. Five years ago, they left here having been thrashed 63-6, a defeat that would have been 75-6 in today's scoring. Wales may have recovered

from those dark, desperate days but their defeats 69-30 by Anstralian Capital Terri-tory on Sunday and 27-20 by a weak New South Wales side three days later mean the Wallabies are 25-1 on. Australia's coach Greg Smith yesterday admitted row and the back row ... that he knew very little shout | "Our main hope is catching

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"I am more concerned about what we do. We have to make sure that our ball retention, basic skills and defence are good; if they are, we should be able to maintain

fairly constant pressure on the Weish line." Australia are playing their first international under Smith, who succeeded Bob Dwyer at the end of last year. The Australians may not be at their hest: it will be their first match for 10 months and they have untried combinations in the centre, the front

to make that count to our advantage." Whereas Wales have made only two changes from the team that defeated France last

March, Australia have only six survivors from the side that lost to New Zealand last July, and they have lost their last three internationals.

"IT Wales are to give themselves a chance they have to raise the pace of their game," said Alex Evans, the former Wales coach who is now Australia's technical director.

Ever since they started touring 32 years ago Wales Commun

Wales. "I am not familiar | them cold," said the Wales | have returned from the southcaptain Jonathan Hum-phreys. "We have had firree weeks together and they have had a couple of days. We have of rugby Terry Cobner has called for a provincial compe-tition in Britain along the lines of the Super 12.

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Hockey Powerful shots by the leftwinger Nick Thompson and the centre-half Kalbir Takher saw Britsin beat Canada 2-1 at Bisham yesterday, their third win in four days, writes Pat Rowley.

Britain conceded the first goal as Canada scored from their one and only corner of the first half when Alan Brahmst fired a rebound past the unsighted goalkeeper David Luckes on 28 minutes - though the home side's passing moves had already created so many chances that the match should have been sewn up by then.

Sport in brief

Motorcycling

The Australian world champion Michael Doohan seeks his third consecutive 500cc victory in Europe when the French GP returns to the Le

Castellet circuit for the first time in five years tomorrow. The Ulsterman Philip McCallen became the first rider in Isle of Man TT his tory to win four races in a week when he dominated both the Production and Senior events as the festival ended yesterday, winning the six-lap blue-riband race by 72sec from the veteran TI



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Derby runners and riders: full details on page 11

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INFORD CHRISTIE gave Donovan Bailey, the man who succeeded him as the world 100 metres champion, a quick lesson in respect when he handed the Canadian a thorough beating in Nu-remberg last night, a victory that will surely con-vince him to defend his Olympic title.

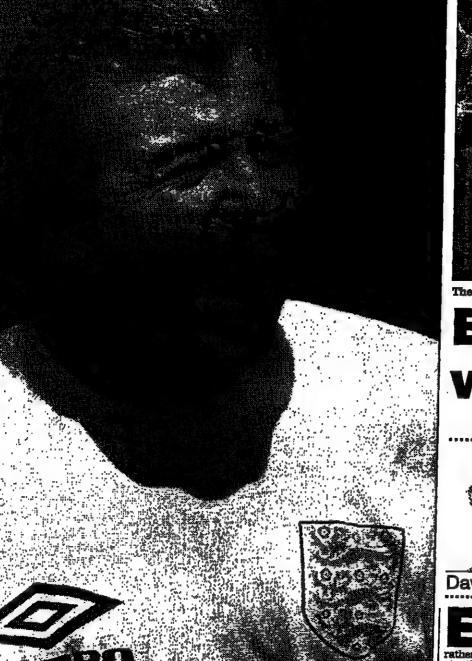
In their first meeting since Bailey so incense him in January by suggest-ing Christie was acting when he collapsed clutch-ing his hamstring at the fin-ish of the World Champion-ship final in Gothenburg last year, the Briton won easily in 10.06

"Absolutely no one was injured in that race," Bai-ley had said. "My opinion, and the opinion of the com-petitors I know, is that no one was injured." Christie was so angry he threatened to sue Bailey.

Frankenstadion, clearly de-lighted at the sharp riposte be had delivered to the main favourite to succeed

against Dennis Mitchell in Rome two nights earlier, was cursing himself for a wretched start and finished

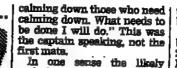
Sally Gunnell's Olympic hopes took a knock when she finished third in 56.03sec in the 400m hur-dies behind Germany's Heike Meissner and Jamai-





The race is almost on . . . Scotland's squad warm up for Holland at Stratford-upon-Avon yesterday

England can take a lead with captain Adams



sons. Then again, if a central midfielder has to be sacrificed Platt is the obvious choice. The Pauls Ince and Gascoigne

Either way it appears that Venables has, initially at any on Adams. He knows that the to test early English optimism best. In fact it would be a but beatable all the same. As England coach, Vena-bles goes on trial today after

tinctly more relaxed than either of his two predeces-sors, Bobby Robson and Graham Taylor, on the eve of a tournament. He was guard-edly optimistic, he believed the team had improved under his guidance and had as good a chance as anybody. Changes were hinted at against Scot-

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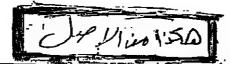
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REACHING FOR HIS WALLET Moscow, May 20: amnesty for state factories that haven't paid taxes - worth \$5-\$10 billion

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Vortusta, May 25: pledges \$25 million for economic aid to the region, and \$1 million for children's holidays



Grozny, May 27: signs decree that will end conscription in Russian army by the year 2000. Cost incalcutable



an old anecdote from Gogol's time, a wise landlord sits on his balcony drinking tea. He is surrounded by mosquitoes and his servant asks the master whether he can brush them off. "No," replies the landlord, "because those that are on my skin have had enough of my blood, while newcomers will want to drink again." In Soviet times, this became used in a joke about the one-party system: "Why do we have only one party? Because we can't afford to feed two." Yeltsin is beating a drum which only the native Russians can hear. Yes, his campaign team says, my men have grabbed their dachas, their cars, their stakes in privatised business, and made their mistakes. If you allow Zyuganov to power, his men will do the same thing. Better to leave the same elite in power because they, like the mosquitoes, have already been fed.



We are told by him that "my family and I are collecting 10 sacks of potatoes from my gar den". Not content to stretch credulity to its limits. Grand-father Yeltsin goes on: "I am buying milk for my grandsons from Yuri Luzhkov's cows." Yuri Luzhkov is the mayor of

Naina, Yeltsin's wife, has also been carefully packaged. A first lady of Russia, she is not. The two Russian women who ventured into Hillary Clinton's role did so at their peril and neither could with

stand the shockwave of hatred

Will the wad win it for Boris?

Roll up, roll up! Russia's president is doling out roubles and decrees by the handful to buy votes and stay in power. And it's working, says DAVID HEARST Photomontage by ROGER TOOTH

irom outer space bobs over the heads of the throng, the first sign that Boris Yeltsin is approaching. The streetwise voice growis and clucks. He is one of them. Then comes the familiar shock of silver hair. the red face, and the eves buried in deep trenches under many layers of jowly skin. A frisson rippies through the moving scrum, and all sorts of improbable supplicants are caught in its epicentre. A girl, aged 17, in a white blouse and prim bouffant, who says, somewhat alarmingly, that she "repre-sents the future" presses flowers into the hands of Boris. There's a long pause. The black box crackles into life. "I married too early, hub, hub, huh." says the voice. The presidential entourage, all men, mimic the presidential leer. Then come the handouts. Two harvesters and a car for a group of Chechen villagers; three billion roubles to build a new church in Stavropol; 60 billion roubles for electronic factories in Zelenograd, 133 billion roubles for the miners

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With one week left before the first free elections ever for a Russian head of state, President Yeltsin has just completed a whirlwind tour of the country. He has distributed election promises like confetti Every few steps of his walkabout, another pledge is made. It's even worse with the decrees. They are signed on the side of an armoured persounel carrier in Grozny, or entrance to a mine shaft. Yeltsin visits a museum in Archangelsk and immediately signs a decree about giving more money to museums. He visits a nuclear submarine shipyard and, hey presto, Russia gets another nuclear submarine. Projects rusting in dormant neglect suddenly come back to life. Peter the Great, a nuclear powered 25,000-ton cruiser lying idle for five years, 80 per cent complete, is suddenly finished. The way this burst of decree making has been worded makes clear that it is all for

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electoral show, with no real chance of becoming law. The miners in Vorkuts, the Afghan vets in Volgograd, the electronic workers of Zelenograd all know that when the president disappears into his armoured Zil with a final wave, so do their chances of getting their claims back on

the political agenda. Why then does all this work? When Boris Yeltsin began his campaign for re-election in February, he was in the worst position imaginable. He had just returned to work two months after his second heart attack, when a bungled Chechen commando raid on a Russian military airfield led to a second hostage-taking drama and a new national emergency Yeltsin was caught like a rabbit in headlights. He was

seen to be weak, out of touch and cruel. His rating was 6 per cent. He was unelectable. Yet today, practically all the polls have Yeltsin leading over his main challenger, the communist leader Gennady Zyuganov.

The comeback kid of Rustan politics has risen from his political grave. He is slimr energetic and off the booze. His reactions are quick. He has travelled the length and breadth of this vast country. He is on every television news broadcast on all channels both public and private. He is in fact running a masterly Câmpaien.

OR political scientists who know their trade, Yeltsin's campaign strategy has been simple and effective. He held his hands up to the mistakes he made such as launching the war in Chechenia and liberal-ising prices so quickly that millions of Russians lost all their savings. He acknowledges that factories are at a standstill. All he says is that under the communists it would be worse. 'If people are convinced that the evil you are fighting is an absolute and eternal one, you are absolved," says Professor

the same thought this way: "As it is impossible to prove that Boris Yeltsin is good, after everything that has happened in the country, his campaign managers are trying to prove that the opposition is extremely bad." First stop on the propaganda offensive is television. Old nomenklatura placemen, the people who had long experience of serving as their master's voice, are in charge of state TV. NTV, the independent channel that Rupert Murdoch has shown interest in, had to be dealt with slightly differently. It had a tradition of independent reporting, especially from Chechenia. It carried two kiss-

and-tell interviews with Vyacheslav Kostikov, the acerbic press secretary Yeltsin had ust fired, who said to the delight of all: "His only love and passion is power." The initial reaction to televi-

sion's growing independence was a clumsy one, reminiscent of how the Party dealt with dissenting art in the seventies. A mysterious bulldozer de-

channel's director, announced he was joining Yeltsin's campaign team.

Since then all Russian tele-vision has been crammed with supportive messages, none of them too subtle. This is the perfect time for catching up or all those Gulag films you missed, because the small screen is full of them. "When I switch on the TV I have the impression that Stalin died vesterday, not 40 years ago," one journalist wrote. The small doses of Gennady Zyuganov, trying as hard as

possible to sound moderate, reasonable and peaceful, are sandwiched by heavy political commentary. It is almost as if the Zyuganov message is car-ried with an Official Government Health Warning. The only place for Zyuganov to go unchallenged is on local television.

Then there is the message that the Kremlin puts out. Anatoli Chubais, the sacked privatisation minister, talked of "civil war" if the communists came back to power. Similar scaremongering argu-

Meanwhile, there is a real war, forgotten by the international community, going on in-side Russia, one that has laimed more than 30,000 lives. Last week Yeltsin boasted in Grozny: "There is no more war in Chechenia. I have brought you peace. There are only small separate groups of bandits."

The broken promises are almost incidental. Very few. east of all Russia's five million new small businesmen, believe Yeltsin when he said in Tver this week: "If we don't make a mistake on June 16, if we continue along the way we have chosen, the improvement will begin in one year." A familiar theme this. On October 28, 1991 Yeltsin promised the pain would last "about half a year". In Autumn 1992, he pretended to see the first signs of increasing production.

The campaign team and its propaganda machine are using hese gaffes to their own advantage, by putting out the line that the president can't change borses in mid-stream. In this they are playing on ancient

Raisa Gorbacheva, the most spectacular victim of this venom, and more recently Ludmilla Narusova, wife of Anatoli Sobchak, the ousted mayor of St Petersburg Naina plays the role of the simple, cordial woman, clos to people's problems. "I don't want to whitewash my husband. He has made mistakes, but he has done many good things for Russia and he is doing everything he can in order that all the CIS countries can live in peace and have political liberty The cynicism of these statements is extraordinary. Yeltsin's government is unable to pay its workers' wages, raiding the Central Bank reserves and thus printing money. And yet he keeps on promising gifts that he knows he cannot pay. The financial hangover left from the election will be huge, at best delaying economic sta-bilisation for a year, at worst

making another collapse of the rouble more likely. Boris Yeltsin pays no heed to this. All that is left of his many incarnations -- communist boss, democrat, nationalist, and now

vegetable-growing grand father - is the image of a Tsar, sometimes kind, sometimes cruel, clinging on to the one thing he knows best: the uses and abuses of power



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Quality plus equality

NE political party is already in turmoil over education. No, not Labour but the Tory party, with the chairman of the Conservative Party reported to be in despair over the Education Secretary's failure to put Labour on the defensive on schools. But is Labour due to divide too following Tony Blair's blasphemy yesterday with respect to the old socialist comprehensive catechism? He not only reversed hallowed principles pledging instead a presumption in favour of grouping children by attainment unless schools can demonstrate they can succeed with mixed ability teaching - but also wanted setting by ability introduced much earlier in secondary schools and across more subjects. In his words: "If setting is best in measurable subjects (maths and science) shouldn't it be applied too in less easily measured subjects like history and English?"

Some fundamentalists within the party will be upset. Any criticism of comprehensives is regarded by them as a political apostasy. But there is no point in reformers burying their heads in the

not abandoning the comprehensive system but setting out ways in which it could be improved. He was right to talk about the uneven performance of schools and their failure to meet the goals set by Labour in the 1960s: to widen the high standards set by grammar schools and increase the ladders of opportunity for bright children from poor families. One only has to look at successive reports from school inspectors over the last decade to see how far short the schools have fallen. This year's annual report showed the gap between best and the worst even wider than ever: the most successful comprehensives achieving GCSE results twice as good as others in similar socio-economic circumstances and six times better than those achieved by the least successful in less favoured areas. Labour was right to strive for a fairer education system but Blair is right to insist that "equality must not become the enemy of quality"

school sandpit. The Labour leader was

So Labour will take into account that different children move at different speeds and have differing abilities. To do otherwise does "give idealism a bad name". The children who have suffered the most in the last 30 years are the most disadvantaged: about 20 per cent of 16year-olds fail to achieve any qualifications in English or maths. The 11 plus will not be reintroduced but setting by ability will be pushed. Most teachers will support these moves. They have already adopted such an approach with over 70 per cent of post 14-year-olds in English grouped by ability, over 80 per cent in science and modern language, and 90 per

cent in maths. This was one reason why there was so little fuss from the teaching unions when David Blunkett earlier this year signalled his intention of looking at every sacred cow including decoupling mixed ability teaching from the comprehensive goal.

The Tories do not know how to handle these overt Labour signals. They are angry with their Education Secretary for suggesting Labour is stealing Tory policies. In the words of one senior Tory quoted in this week's Telegraph: "We don't want her saying they are stealing our clothes because that is tantamount to endorsing their policies." Instead, Tory party leaders seem intent on moving even further to the right with the Prime Minister insisting on the introduction of nursery school vouchers, eager to push more selection in all schools, and foolishly promising a grammar school in every town. Mrs Shephard will not thank us for our support but she has done her best to stem the ideological idiocies of the far right even though she has been frequently over-ridden by the Prime Minister. Labour will be laughing all the way to the polls. The idea that the electorate will rally to Tory calls for more selection rather than Labour demands for higher standards could only be believed by a government which has lost touch with the people. Can the Tories really have forgotten what hap-pened to the hapless John Patten when he tried to politicise education reform? Concentrating on the top 20 per cent of children was a mistaken approach 30 years ago. Trying to resuscitate it now would be monumental folly.

Moving the winning post

ODAY is Derby Day. Except, of course, that it isn't. Everyone knows that Derby Day ought to be a Wednesday - the first Wednesday in June - as it has been since most people can remember. Until last year, that is, when the marketing men changed it in the name of progress. Is nothing sacred? The staging of one of the world's greatest horse races on a Wednesday had become a revered national ritual. People who never normally bet had an innocent flutter on the office sweepstake. It simply isn't the same when you have to wait until Monday morning to find out who has won. On Derby Wednesday, offices would stop working for five minutes without any obvious loss of productivity, assembly lines would be temporarily neglected, and the Houses of Parliament even less well attended than usual as people took time off for a rare moment of national bonding. The roads to Epsom were jammed with people taking time off from work often under the guise of corporate entertaining.

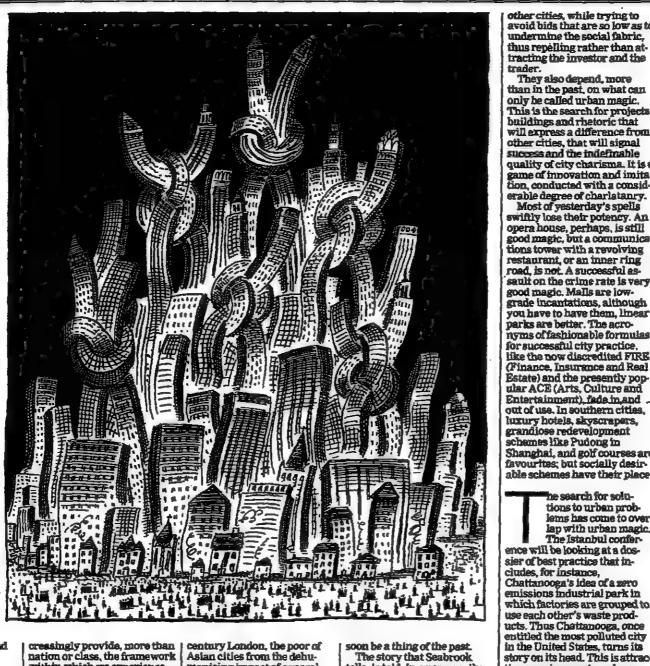
The Derby is quintessentially British and not just because we are an inveterate nation of gamblers. It is because, like giving blood, it is a free activity for the tens of thousands of people who stand on the Downs, even though numbers have been falling in recent years. The race is also run along distances with a sense of history - one mile, four furlongs and 10 yards. Even as we write there is probably a committee in Brussels planning to convert all this to kilo-metres and decimal parts thereof. They must be resisted at all costs. The race hasn't been immune to change. In a genuflection to the digital age it is now sponsored by Vodafone and the Downs will play host to huge screens to enable punters to watch sports events happening elsewhere. Doubtless its name will soon be changed from the Derby Stakes to the Derby Stakeholders in order to keep up with the times. But despite all this, the race itself - and the unforgettable sound of hoofs thundering along grass - have remained unchanged over the decades. This year will have the added attraction of the first woman jockey (Alex Greaves on the 500 to 1 outsider, Portuguese Lil) ever to ride in the Derby.

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Last year's switch to Saturday wasn't the success hoped for. Corporate entertaining dropped and the amount laid in bets fell from £35 million to £28 million. This year's race coincides with the first day of the European Cup when England play Switzerland (a fact unknown to the organisers when they fixed the date). It is beginning to look as though Someone-Up-There isn't looking too kindly on Saturdays and the authorities ought to take the hint. Even now it isn't too late to recant and move the Derby back from the crowded weekend sporting calendar to the less competitive nostalgia of the first Wednesday in June where it belongs. The Queen is said to be displeased with the move to Saturday. She Is Not Amused. And neither are we

By 2000, half the world will live in cities, the rest in societies dependent on them. MARTIN WOOLLACOTT looks for a way out of the concrete jungle. **Illustration by Peter Till**

Have we lost the cities



other cities, while trying to avoid bids that are so low as to indermine the social fabric, thus repelling rather than attracting the investor and the trader.

They also depend, more than in the past, on what can only be called urban magic. This is the search for projects buildings and rhetoric that will express a difference from other cities, that will signal success and the indefinable quality of city charisma. It is a game of innovation and imita-tion, conducted with a considrable degree of charlatanry. Most of yesterday's spells swiftly lose their potency. An opera house, perhaps, is still good magic, but a communica tions towar with a revolving restaurant, or an inner ring road, is not. A successful as-scult on the crime rate is very good magic. Mails are low-grade incantations, although you have to have them, linear parks are better. The acronyms of fashionable formulas for successful city practice. like the now discredited FIRE (Finance, Insurance and Real Estate) and the presently pop-ular ACE (Arts, Culture and Entertainment), fede in and out of use. In southern cities. luxury hotels, skyscrapers,

grandiose redevelopment chames like Pudong in Shanghai, and golf courses are favourites; but socially desir-

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tive seeming magic and may prove to be effective practice as well. The same is true of many of the other schemes in the

Habitat list. But over the magic and best practice is a

The partnership of govern-ment, business and local com-

munity is stressed in much of

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rightly subscribes. Yet the con-tradiction in the life of cities which modern developments

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must offer both the cheap labour, low taxes and unde-

manding regulation that busi-ness demands with one voice;

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cultural ventures that it de-

mands with another. Some cities will pull it off.

Most will manage to avert the

worst. But south or north, this

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sibility until cities cease to be the extreme supplicants at the

court of capital that they have

become, and until the misfor-

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Fergie cashes

tone of the royal family? But what, these days, does not? In terms of taste, this week's plotures of Fergie with an Alds baby were far less disturbing than the spectacle of Diana dancing with what appeared to be a Charolais in a dinner suit but was actually a 23-stone American playboy. If the Pal-ace does not like the duchess's plans, then it must look to its

FA week is a long time in politics, a year is an eterni-ty in the existence of a beown lack of vision. Those courtiers who were pompously fond of warning that "the knives were out for Fergie" should have recogleaguered Coutis bank account. Exactly 12 months have passed since the Duch-York and I discussed nised the wisdom of reaching a her financial and personal ar-rangements on a flight to Lonsensible accommodation with a woman made dangerous not ion from Poland by malice but by naivety and a of interest, notably assorted sipping and sniffing sounds (reflecting the duchess's par-

apacious need for easy cash. They are also in part respon-sible for a climate of hypocrisy in which her decision to publisb seems reasonable. It is, after all, slightly ironic that while the Prince and Princess

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E endlessly com plain about them, idealise them, deplore them, reject them, and embrace them. We hymn them, quantify them, and arrange them in league tables.

Cities more and more define our lives, because more and more of us live in them. Perhaps definition is not the right word. Cities now loom so large that they amorphously contain everything. City life is no longer one way of life, co-existing along with other ways, that of towns, or of the agricultural countryside, or even of nomads and pastoral-ists. All these survive, but in-creasingly tributary to the city.

The end of the long story of the City and the Country, so often predicted, may finally be with us. Perhaps it will come when, as delegates to the UN Habitat II conference in Istanbul have been told, the moment arrives at the turn of the century when more than half of us will live in cities. Three billion in cities; the other three billion in lesser settle-

ments whose economies and culture will be citified through and through; the mind boggles. Such numbers breach conti

nuity with the past. Aristotle said that the perfect city should have no more than 5,000 people and that anything over 100,000 people, whatever it was, was not a city. Medieval cities were tiny, both in population numbers and in physical extent. London, one of the first big cities, was half a million in the 17th century, and vastly exceeded the next city, too, is properly used as a political measure. The South scribed in a recent article the degeneration of Yeoville, the largest, Bristol, which had 30,000 inhabitants.

corner of Johannesburg in which he lives, toward slum The ancient idea of a city as a community large enough for diversity, but small enough for face-to-face politics, that is, of the city as the optimum postatus. After another burst of nighttime shooting, he writes: 'No, I didn't call the police. It was just another of those South African things." Ma-lan's concerns about South Af-rica's difficulties were more litical unit, contrasts with the reality today of huge cities whose crying need is for good governance. This is so even if the mega-cities that were fore-cast and feared 10 years ago are not, according to the Habieffectively invoked by his brief plea for Yeoville than by analysis. Jeremy Seabrook's moving new book, In The Cities Of The

are not, accurcing to the risbi-tat research, growing as rap-idly as expected. If cities have long since ceased to be places of optimum politics, they nevertheless in-

("the biggest ideas network

in British history"), all set

creasingly provide, more than nation or class, the framework century London, the poor of Asian cities from the dehumanising impact of general-ities by examining their per-sonal stories and letting them within which we experience politics, and much of the lanruage we use to talk about politics. The bravery of battell of their lives in their own tered Sarajevo, the reunifica-tion of Berlin, Yeltsin's defiwords. The people of the abyss — to use the phrase of a later ance of the coup-makers in delver into the lives of the Moscow: the city is the stage for these tales of the triumph of good over evil. The quality of life in the than before, above all in the

> Aristotle said that the perfect city should have no more than 5,000 people

cities of the south. "They are the same people," Seabrook writes, "who lived and died in oppression, poverty and insecurity in London or Manches ter just two or three cenerations ago." He rightly warns new book, In The Cities Of The South, is in the tradition of Henry Mayhew, It attempts to rescue, as Mayhew did in 19th-

soon be a thing of the past. The story that Seabrook tells, is told, in a necessarily different way, by David Sat-terthwaite and his collaborators in the book produced for the Istanbul Conference, An Urbanising World.

It is the same process, and with similar human conse-quences, that began in Britain two centuries ago. But there is a new dimension to the dilem mas of the city. The arrival of so many additional millions comes at a time when the poly. of cities, as particular places in particular locations, is

blurring. Bob Catterall, the editor of the journal City, writes that, "It is no longer evident what a city is." Rivers and roads, proximity to raw materials, seat of government or certre of religion, those staples of the geography lesson, matter less than they did, thanks to revolutions in transport and information. Cities no longer sit on solid advantages of geographi-cal position or national or religious function. They depend on the rapid seizure of economic opportunities in a con-tinual bidding process with

Granatt (Home Office information director), Andrew Marre (deputy press chief at No 10): Jim Coe (head of info. at education 'n' employment) and dark-horse Keith Williamson, COI finance chief. Gossip rules out Williamson, but, with more cuts a priority at COL his financial background makes him worth a side bet. The women's interest is represented by Jean Caines. DYI information supremo, and her opposite numbers at Bealth (Romola Christopherson) and the MoD (Gill Samuel). Outsiders include Adrian Moorey (now Cable & Wireless spokeshuman, previously head of info. at DTI and the Home Office) and Hugh Colver, the chap who tried out the Conserva-tive Central Office communications job in 1995 and

PR at the MoD during the Gulf War, the heat in the Mawhinney kitchen must have been at Gobi desert levels. But the outsidest of outside bets have to be on two former COI men: Chris Tarrant, the wireless presenter, and Peter Greenaway, the film director. "HE reported worldwide electronic renais

sance of the haiku the Japanese 17-syliable still-life mini-poem --encourages marginally warmer feelings towards the Internet, although the British made their definitive contribution to the art form 32 years ago: "You only live twice/Once when you are born/And once when you look death in the face" (Ian Fleming; 1964). Very good Bondo-san, but, as Tiger Tanaka points out, have what it took. Given it has the incorrect number that Colver had been head of of syllables. Rotten English champagne and high emo-tion) and 10 minutes of instructions in Polish on how to mer housekeeper, Wendy work an airline oxygen mask. These were, one hopes

tiality to complimentary

shall never write an

autobiography." It is just possible that the additional words "... unless

the Queen withdraws her

overdraft-servicing facility

out by an airline steward ask-ing HRH whether she would

care for another mini-blint.

ing. The charge, as usual, is

gross vulgarity. Education:

mid healing school and the

cial advice. Hobbies: shop-ping, holidays, eating, starv-ing (all to excess) and Tippex face-painting for sepulchrait but literative mean to be

but lucrative magazine pic-

But the precedents both for

dubious taste and telling all are well-established. The

Diana, sheltered behind the

translucent skirts of Andrew Morton, made public her story. Both confessed to adul-

ture spreads.

but I do not recall them.

Mary Riddell

Berry, has been gagged through the British courts and more accurate than Fergie's is now in exile in America berevelations on her publishing cause of her anodyne belowplans. "I am a very loyal perstairs book. son," she told me than. ''I

One rule for the servants, then, and another for what Harold Robbins (a fellow client of Fergie's prestigious New York editor) might term the carpetbaggers. Or, in the duch-ess's case, the carpet-sweeper. For, unlike the Waleses, the and someone pays me \$1 mil-lion to write it," were drowned duchess --- who has many ene-mies but no agenda other than a large cheque - is likely to. ensure that the dirt remains under the Axminster.

And now the duchess is em barked on a saga she no doubt IHAVE just returned from sees as a cross between Hans Christian Andersen and the People's Republic of Laos, where our national trade dele-gation (one man on loan from Arthur Anderson — a modern fairytale guaranteed to keep the Bangkok Embassy) has not the accountants happy. Hence the fresh round of Fergie-baitprevented the country from pandering to every whim of the discerning British travelanma cum laude graduate of

A new hotel has opened, the Madame Vasso blue pyraboasting a lavish English brochure. "Various styles exotic John Bryan academy of finansuites offer you serene place to quickly resore your vitality." it says, failing to mention that these are located just above the nightclub ("large dance floor let you relax bettome up let you relax, bottoms up, dance to the music, twist away one night's slight drunkenness"). The drunkenness was Prince of Wales co-operated with the Dimbleby biography. indeed minimal, since the cellar contained only one bottle of Niersteiner and one of Ries-ling, but the banquet was wor-thy of a visiting Kohl or Chirac. "We have brought in roast beef especially for you English." said our hosts. "But you must not worry. We import it from New Zealand."

UR fears last month that Jude on the big screen would suck the best of Hardy to Hollywood and leave nothing for our own, super-sensitive adaptations were groundless. Let The Trumpet Major go to MGM. just leave us with The Distracted Preacher (1879), a long-ish short story with a PS from TH suggesting his female lead, a dashing lady smuggler, does not, as the story claims, repent and settle down with the preacher of the title; "much to her credit, in the author's opinion", she flees to Wisambiguous and alternative enough for our ciné types,

ARDLY were last week's final three words ("Stone's Best Bitter") heading to the press than we knew we would regret them. Intensive market research using the latest American tech-niques (thanks for the letter, Mr Yorke) confirms our readers take their ale seriously and prefer only the most authentic of real beers. Name one brand and eight rivals sizzle down the wire from Mr Yorke's compater port; they range from Mackeson's Milkstout to the terrifying-sounding Old Accidental. One day, Smallweed will come out, loud and proud, brandishing a pint of E (it's a drink, you fool!) and declare himself a through and through keg man who likes proper chemicals in his sluice, rather than privet leaves and door-mouse bones. One day ... but not yet.

Smallweed



C UMMERTIME, and S the think-tanks are a-thoughting. The rising cerebral sap is evidenced in the busting out all over of ideas, proposals, papers and whatnot. There's Nexus

to fill New Labour's head with brave, original thinking (well, thinking anyway). There are the old lags, showing these rookies how it's done: Demos (a paper calling for a new kind of entrepreneurship based on niceness to workers, i.e. not entrepreneurship); the Social Affairs Unit (a book demanding a return to good manners) and the Institute for Public Policy Research (a report due Monday on reform of EU citizenship). Confronted with all this bright eyed, what we must do stuff, Smallweed cannot resist replaying The Poetry Society (BBC Radio; December 1959), during which Tony Hancock enthuses to Sid James about his anti-

establishment beatnik

you add it all up, it's a bit breath; though; today tatty, isn't it?" Hancock explodes. "Tatty? We're the hope of the world, mate!" EANWHILE, Small-Weed has spent the last few days thinking long and hard about

African writer Rian Malan de

once-pleasantly Bohemian

bricks and mortar. as is only natural during National Housing Week. and has contemplated affairs of the liver, only right and proper during Hepatitis

Awareness Week. This squeezed the time available for meditating on creakrelated matters as belitted Arthritis Research Week or for basking in Sun Aware-ness Week. Nor was there a lot of brainpower left for UN World Environment Day (Wednesday), although

today we should all be suffi-ciently recovered to sound the alarm for Tampon Alert Day and to wallow in World Oceans Day. No pause for

marks also the beginning of Friends of the Earth's Car Week, of Down's Syndrome Awareness Week and of National Wildlife Week. And no peace on the Sabbath either; tomorrow we begin National Swimfit Week and National Walk to School Week. Had enough? Then emigrate before Monday, the kick-off for National Food Safety Week. ANTED: a captain for one of the anhap-piest ships in White-

hall, the Central Office of Information. The Government's propaganda outfit has lost half its workforce in 10 years and, we hear, the new-chief executive will be expected to eliminate 100 of the surviving 480 posts. Smallweed's runners and riders for the £75,000 slot follow, starting with civilservice insiders: Mike

swiftly decided he didn't

tery on prime time TV — something to which the duch-ess has not stooped, although too; the "only" is in the wrong place. Still, it beats haiku about Spam, the most popular topic at present.

consin with another smuggler. If that isn't nothing will be



A job with a view ... painters Dave Whatmore and Jed Needs at work on the bridge. In the background the Second Severn Crossing which opened this week

A very odd job at 450 feet

As the second Severn bridge opens, high above the river, a group of men toil on the old one. GARY YOUNGE rose to the occasion

TANDING 450 feet over the River Severn, in a hard hat and a luminous orange jumpsuit; Jed Needs is trying hard to convince me that his job is just like anybody else's. "I his two workmates, Dave Whatadmit that to a layman it does look a bit dangerous, but I can't I'd rather be doing," he says. I am unconvinced. Jed has been working on the bridge as a painter and rigger for seven years. I have been on it for less than seven minutes and just a peek through the tiny holes on the platform on to the traffic several hundred feet below makes me queasy. The only time most of us get anywhere near this kind of height we are accompanied by a bag full of duty frees and an inflight magaxine. Jed does it every day.

If you look up high and hard as you cross the bridge on a clear summer afternoon you will see three little dots milling about in the haze. From that distance they could be any-thing. They are in fact Jed, and more and Martin Barrett, three of the 40 or so men who work on T 80 When the new Severn Bridge, formally called the Second Severn Crossing, was opened this week, the focus of undle attention was on Prince Charles and the spat over toll obvious occupational hazard -vartigo --- unless it is thought bes. Little thought was given, inevitably perhaps, to the man and women who keep the struc they are the type for whom it might be a problem. "We just ture alive, braving height and the elements, day in day out. take them out and strap them To most people the bridge is simply what they must cross to get from England to Wales. But on to a cable and see how they do. Everybody's bound to be wary of the height at first. But to Jed, Dave, Martin and their pobody's ever teen refused the

gues on the original Severn Bridge — 18,500 tons of steel spanning 975 metres and covered in 55,000 gallons of paint - this is their life. Jed, aged 35, says it is his ideal job since he used to be a mountain climber; Martin is a former postman and Dave, aged 32, was unemployed before he

job because of that," says Hugh | ment as the work, though safer, | Thomas, the bridge engineer. Once new recruits have been taken on they are usually quickly hooked. "There is a --huge attachment to the bridge. It is a beautiful structure and once you've started have people rarely want to leave. I can't imagine myself working anywhere else until I retire." Martin will certainly not work anywhere else until he retires. He is 63 and has worked on the bridge for almost 24 years. He is full of tales of the bad old days when safety took

is not as enjoyable as it used to be. "The craic is dying out. I think we used to have much. more of a laugh," he says. Workers are not allowed on the bridge if the wind is blowing at more than 40 knots or if there is frost. Fatal accidents do happen, though. Five years ago two painters died when their gentry fell from the bottom of the bridge into the rocky river below. Two years ago a winch

400 feet above the sea. The bridge builders pick up their overalls and tools at eight fall 200 feet and hit a man on the head, killing him instantiy. But and knock off at 4.30pm, like many other regular jobs. In bethese, the men insist, are one-

South Wales and south west the vertigo club, am standing on top and enjoying the view-England, woven together by which on a good day can stretch from the tip of the Mal-vern hills to Exmoor — is little short of a miracle. The feeling is beightened when the Guardhedgerows and decorated by spires. They can also chart the kigh and low tides of the Severn and point out the service station where the ian's photographer asks Dave to pose and in response Dave starts to do a little jig and Manic Street Preacher musi-cian, Richey Edwards, was last waves his brush about, danc-

The workers tell stories of ing on a cable a foot wide and horrific road accidents like the man who left his young wife in the car when he broke down

it and ended up on the other side of the road looking like

someone had spilt matches everywhere. "We saw a bloke

and turned around to see her and the cer flattened by a lorry. Or the caravan that flew away

sefety barriers and all the way up the cables to the top, where be planned to kill himself. "He was serious. I mean he'd thrown his glasses and his wallet into the Severn and was just about to go when the policeman said: 'Hang on mate, do you want a fag.' and man aged to talk him down. On our way down I am try-ing not to show my relief at the prospect of an imminent reunion with arruformo, as the lift door closes on us, all tightly packed. Then Dave remembers another anecdot

mystery how they fell into the job — they saw an advert in the and equipment would regularly break down.

"Sometimes if the lifts broke, we'd have to climb to the top of the tower on a ladder. We could be out here when it was blowpaper and applied, just like any Would-be riggers and paint-ers aren't questioned about the ing a gale, and the bridge would be swinging all over the place. You could just hold the brush and the rods would swing round by themselves," he said. When he started he carned E28 a week. Now he same 10 times that. None the less he is looking forward to his retire-

driving on the motor way. So long as people follow the safety

procedures then they should be ine. It's not a job for daredevils," says Hugh, who claims his kness still go weak if he has to go on top of his own roof. For someone who just scraped through O-Level phys ics and has invuble following the instructions for a self-assembly bookcase the fact that bridges exist at all is little less than a marvel to me. The fact that I, a fully paid up member of

greasing and assisting with in-spections or welding. Of course, there are certain irres ularities. They take no lunch up there and there are no loos. If they are caught short they might use a paint pot but gen-erally their bladders keep time with the general routine. They are basically odd-job men in a very odd job. Their work station provides a supreme vantage point from which they can survey the patchwork splendour of both

throw a package into the sea, says Hugh. "We didn't know what it was but it looked pretty suspicious so we called the police. It ended up being his dead hahy daughter But their most chilling story, related by Dave, is how they watched helplessly as a man who, high on cannabia and alcohol, climbed over the

How Gazza saved

in a 'me, me' world, SIMON HÖGGART

have a bloke freak out in this lift once. Went nuts he did, and we were all crammed in just like we are now. We worried that he would rock it so much it would stop and we would get ammed."

Charming. Not before time; the lift clunks to a hait. The grid door opens and we pile out. I feel like a miner emerge ing from his first excursion into the pit. Though I, gratefully, came down to earth and not up to it.

in jail, yet crime remains

appallingly high. The loss of our collective consciousness is clear in politics. Cabinet minister,

once sworn to uphold each other, now take every

obunce to let it be known

Round up the ritual failures



Martin Kettle

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HE 30 months of what is still formally dignified as the Northern Ireland peace process have been unctuated with what Sir Patrick Maybew colourfully calls "shit or bust days". At such moments, ministers, politicians and civil servants have heaved long painful hours to ease the next stage of the journey. This week in London there was a classic of the species — sweaty hours in the June heat to bring forth the detailed procedural arrangements for the talks which are due to start in Belfast on Monday. And in the end, which of Mayhew's op-tions have London and Dublin produced this time? The answer is a bit of both.

The end product of the week's Anglo-Irish efforts is, as usual, an intricately balanced package fully comprehensible only to initiates. Yet if this was June 1995 rather than June 1996, it would almost certainly be the kind of skilfully crafted professional compromise which would have sealed one of the genuinely great goals of the whole process: the moment when Sinn Fein sat down with the Ulster Unionists to discuss the future of Northern Ireland. But this is June 1996 and nothing is certain at all

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Unless the IRA has a last-minute change of mind, Monday will be another day of traditional and recognisable Northern Ireland ritual. Everyone will play the panto mime part to which he or she is long accustomed: Mayhew regretful, Dick Spring impa-tient, David Trimble tetchy, John Hume sanctimonious, Ian Paisley bombastic and Gerry Adams deceitful Instead of being the threshhold of the new Northern Ireland, it will be another trip down the echoing corridors of the old. No matter how hard most of them try to pretend the pea unionis process is still alive, without a resumed IRA ceasefire, Mon-

opportunity for peace which opened up in 1993 and which is lay seems set to prove it is now disappearing before our eyes. The chemistry of the four It is very easy to say that this was a foreseable outcome all those months ago, when John together made this moment Major and Albert Reynolds stood by a Christmas tree in nossible against the background of a continuing, but Downing Street and wished sporadically expressed popular that Santa would bring us will for peace. mar santa woun bring us peace in Northern Ireland. Many good judges believed it would end this way, because in the end there was not enough in it for Sinn Feln to risk the historic compromise which was all that could democratically be offered. Yet many

ously existed.

equally good judges thought that this pessimistic determin ism was misplaced, and that arrived in August 1994. there genuinely was an oppor-tunity which had not previmeant Sinn Fein could be Before it becomes the new accepted wisdom that the peace

process was a brave but naive venture whose collapse was eventually inevitable, it needs to be asserted in the strongest opinion to take part too. The and clearest possible terms that this was not so. challenge was like one of those hand-hold games where you Four broad and underlying

into a hole without tipping the factors in the Northern Ireland. situation began to change significantly in the 1990s and others out. There are those who say Major was wrong to do it that still exist today. They were: way, and that he should have concentrated all his attention first, the acceptance by a Conservative government that it

might be possible to reach a new all-party Anglo-Irish agreement in return for an and to the IRA's war, second, the and pressed ahead more quickly, as Albert Reynolds among others wanted. That IRA's genuine interest in what was and is unrealistic unlass it calls the totally unarmed strategy towards republican goals: third, signs of political withdraw from Northern Iremodernisation and pluralism in the Irish Republic; and, fourth, the continuing division of the people who live there. Like most people in this and even fragmentation of country, though, Major had a

None of these subtle changes is individually the cause of the Without the IRA ceasefire, the Northern Ireland peace process is nothing of the sort

These changes did not in any sense make a settlement inev-itable. Yet the Downing Street more modest objective ---- to Declaration undoubtedly new constitutional settle democratically acceptable to opened up the possibility. It was the political precondition without which the IRA could not allow the process to reach its next goal. That goal was the IRA ceasefire which eventually The political importance of this ceasefire was enormous. It brought into political dialogue and, subsequently, into a structured all-party talks process. To do that, however, meant persuading sufficient unionist

those terms, is as important in his own way as Adams is in his hand-held games where you Nevertheless, Major did get have to gently tip each marble it wrong. Although under-

on deal-making with Sinn Fein you believe — as some do — that British policy should be to error he has made. Major should have been more aware of the effect of his approach on republicans in late January. Yet having been at first too cautious about the land irrespective of the wishes

time? have been worth this and other risks — such as a peace referest in preserving. achieve peace on the basis of a the Northern Ireland peace process is nothing of the sort.

the citizens of Northern Ireland. With that as the goal, the fundamental art was to get Sinn Fein (without whom peace is not possible) and sufficent unionists (without whom democratic endorsement is not possible) round the table to discuss the terms of a new settlement. That is why Trim-ble, as the leader of the only large block of unionists plausibly willing to take part on

the failure of theirs.

mined in his own party at home, he nevertheless waited too long in 1995 before accept-ing the ceasefire was genuine. Having waited too long, he wasted time finding a way out of the decommissioning maze. When the Mitchell report pre-sented him with such an opport tunity, he mishandled it, perhaps the single most important

ceasefire, he had by then be-come too incautious and lost the balance. Hemmed in though he was at Westminste he always had Labour's support. Could he not have dared to talk directly to Adams at this In retrospect it would surely

endum — to save a ceasefire which Adams too had on inter Without the IRA ceasefire

Perhaps the IRA have an 11th hour surprise up their alcoves if not, the constitutional parties may spend the coming weeks talking as though the process is still alive, but in reality they are replaying the collapsed Brooke/Mayhew

alks process of 1991-2. It was the object of British policy to get Sinn Fein into talks. That possibility existed and was lost. Sinn Fein may be turned away from the talks on Monday. Let no one pretend just; they may well have that in turning them away, we been all to blame. would not be marking the fail-

"We are all guilty" was the slogan of Peter Simple's joke psychiatrist, Dr Heinz ure of our own policy as well as

HE news that the Eng-land football team had been declared collecively guilty of smashing up an airline cabin sent some of us back a long way. "Unless the boy who is responsible for this comes forward, the whole form will miss Sports Day," I heard again, through the mists of time. I don't suppose it happens much now. The notion of col-

civilisation

lective guilt is one we have been losing for years. Mrs Thatcher didn't believe in "society", and if we don't share the idea of a collective co-existence, then it's hardly likely that we're going to

take any blame for anything which someone che does. I thought the football team came out of it rather well. I

but it's unlikely that one or two members of the team stowed in the TVs while the others sat with their books, that economic circumto them, meaningless. We are separately to blame for

what we ourselves choose to do; the idea that, say, unemployment, or tax cuts for the better off, might help cause who did the damage, just to show they could be as rough as the rest. The obsession crime is not only untrue but with finding whose fist did irrelevant. the damage is, in its way, un-So the only answer we have is to bang people up, until we resemble the US, the most individualistic society

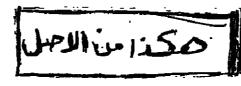
on earth. In some places one



individuals excel (at least in sports which can continue if it's raining): our heroes are Nick Faldo in golf, Damon Klosk, But there are time Hill in motor racing, Linford when we are all guilty, or at least ought to feel just a bit Christie on the track In the US, baseball clubs are not really teams, but colresponsible. Take crime. Under the new-fangled lections of individuals striv-Instcher/Major doctrine of ing to improve their persons statistics, which can be sepa total individualism, all rated from the side's perforcrime is the sole responsi bility of criminals. The fact mance and used to measure stances can create criminals of otherwise decent people is,

the next pay rise. But that's where we're going here now Short-term contracts and all the trappings of the new business order tell us that nobody has a duty to us, and that we have no duty to them. Firms don't offer loy-alty to employees, and they don't get it back. ET was wrong - these days, we are alone. So good luck to the

guilty soccer stars. At least there are some shreds of collective support left somewhere, even if it's only in a per cent of the population is drunken melee on a jumbo.



don't know what happened in the Cathay Pacific bubble,

nursing a small Bailey's. Most men remember a time when they and their mates went mental coming back from a game. A communal lunacy takes over, and it was often the shyest and most insecure



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U (The pink, white and blue, June 4) highlights the Ameri-can conflict between those who want gay marriages and those who define marriage solely in terms of the legal union between one man and one woman. There is an equally powerful conflict within the gay community here and in the US betwee those who seek married status and those who prefer the concept of a civil domestic partnership with the same rights - and responsibilities - as a civil marriage and open to all couples, straight and gay. I accept that within the gay community there are some who want to see gay marriages recognised for deeply held religious reasons. I

of gay marriages is the only way to achieve equality. For centuries state and society have provided a range of benefits -- financial and social — to support the institu-

people smile, the rest of us grin. For the record, I was standing on the ground. Posing in a park, it is to be pre-sumed, is less worthy than posing in print. tions of marriage and the fam-ily. In doing so they are surely Hungry for blood, rottweilers have no time for love, toss ing it aside as "mole-kissing terms". As for the dry-rot which masquerades as justice In Britain today, unsound-bite journalism has no time to ex-amine corrupt law which permits judges to distort what Parliament has laid down in statute. The law on provocation is simple and sensible, until judges get to work daub-ing it with their own ancient prejudice. A dog's breakfast, one might risk calling it. Good ournalists used to monitor and expose such perversion of

with a violent alcoholic husband. I thought consciously and obsessionally about kill-ing him during the last three vears of our marriage. Why did I not kill him? Because al-

she had left him to ft, possibly not least by herself. In that she is representative of many women, who are on one level blamed for not leaving violent men, and on a deeper level tacitly expected to sup-

CATHERINE Bennett obviwomen. Her commentary is

payments to police officers following Hillsborough. When will it be realised that psychological injuries suffered by persons exposed to traumatic incidents, in their most exher cet awerin WS:SVS

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encouraging long-term committed relationships in the belief that they are important in maintaining social stability. Would not British society be stronger for giving supportand recognition to all such relationships, straight or gay The burden of proof is surely now on those who argue that it would not. Martin Bowley QC. 36 Bedford Row. London WC1R 4JH.

"How to Look Sexy,

Make Friends and Manage Your Boss"

by

Vennona do reman

People Watching

society that believes murder to be the ultimate crime. Most people (myself in-cluded) who live with violent alcoholics for long periods suffer from psychiatric disorders at some time in their lives, but that is not a sanction to murder. Sara Thornton was not psychotic. I do not believe she intended to glamorise murder or to make money from it - but, as Benneti points out, that is exactly whe she has done. I wonder how many women there are like law. Now they aid and abet it. me, who did not murder our Referring to Sara as "the Jeanne d'Arc of provocation" alcoholic spouses but left our lovely homes and walked

coholics are human being port and mother them through and I have been reared in a aura of victimbood. Una Freeley. 40 Turnpike Lane, London N8 0PS.

all the "rough patches". If the so-called attention seeking Ms Thornton wishe to romp about with the media. well, one can either avert one's gaze, or choose to see it as a change from the usual media format of an interview in a darkened room where the 'battered woman" is asked in hushed tones: "How often did he beat you? Any permanent injuries?" This method has cloaked many a tough survivor with the more acceptable Women and Medical Practice.

et another example of her publicly denouncing those women she insists do not deserve justice. When I commented last week that the case 'is still a major victory", I meant that we have got the message across at least in some quarters that all women who suffer male violence are worthy of support, not just the ones society sees as passive victims. Bennett should work for the Daily Mail. Julie Hindel. Justice for Wome Violence, Abuse & Gender. Relations Research Unit, University of Bradford, 21 Claremont, Bradford, W Yorks BD7 1DP.

Y BYES popped when I saw John Redwood state

"It is easy to enter the vicious

circle: cut public spending, de

umemployment rises, pushing

up public spending and lower-

ing tax receipts. This requires

another round of spending cuts or tax increases, which

depresses growth more and costs jobs." He referred to

France, but gave an exact ac-

count of what is happening in Britain. Why is he advising

REDWOOD'S concern about the unfortunate un

employed is the outer limit of credibility. He was a fervent

which almost to increase unen

ployment to control inflation and to crucify the unions. To

this end the public sector was

Labour's record of 1 million

squeezed so that unemploy-

unemployed was cynically

used to win an election and

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press economic growth,

colleagues, those on the tar races did not approach and respond to tragedy; they were caught in it. People died benesth and around them as they struggled to live and to save others. They screamed for the assistance of Frost's colleagues as their loved one died in their arms. And the officers failed to respond. In the gymnasium, where the bodies of the dead and injured were laid out, the fans were marginalised and ex-cluded. Later that evening

many identified their friends and loved ones. They had to look through numbered photographs of faces in body bags. Statements were then taken in right direction. Tony Welch. an atmosphere more akin to interrogation than ident-

ffication Many walked away from Hillsborough to shattered lives, never to work again. Others' lives have been cut short. Those ordinary people who stood on the terraces whose sufferings began well before David Frost and his colleagues came on the scene. and whose dreadful experiences continued long into the night, have not been compensated for their trauma. The complex and diverse procedures through which

ers enjoying an afternoon at a

football match in the "care" of

police. Unlike Frost and his

the FA, the club and the

compensation claims are settled creates and sustains a hierarchy of suffering. While a price cannot be put on a life

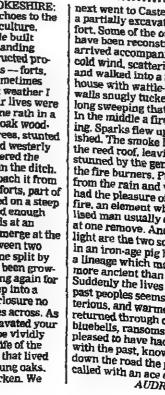
A Country Diary

NORTH PEMBROKESHIRE: Pembrokeshire echoes to the remains of a lost culture. Those early people built graves, erected standing tones and constructed protected living areas -- forts, raths, castells. Sometimes during inclement weather I wonder what their lives were like. We visited one rath in a quiet piece of old oak woodand. Small oak trees, stunted by stony earth and westerly winds, have sundered the wall. Some grow in the ditch. We chose to approach it from below. Like most forts, part of its defence is based on a steep cliff. A track broad enough for a horse ascends at an oblique angle to emerge at the fort entrance between two rocky outcrops, one split by an oak which has been growing, falling, starting again for centuries. You step into a small circular enclosure no more than 30 paces across. As it hasn't been excavated your imagination can be vividly employed on the life of the small community that lived there. Now it's young oaks, bluebells and bracken. We

reme forms, can be just as debilitating as physical injuries? If these compensation awards had been made for the loss of a limb, for instance, I suspect there would have been no "outrage" from your correspondents.

While all members of the emergency services and armed forces recognise and accept the conditions of their employment, and therefore the dangers to which they may be exposed, no individual is immune from the effects of psychological traumatisation at the scenes of disaster. These awards are surely a step in the Waen Farmhouse, Nercwys, Flintshire CH7 4EW.

OUR leader on Hillsbor-Yough (June 5) is a good ex-ercise in semantics. Whilst disciplined officers have no choice but to accept their posting, they do have a choice about whether or not to join the police force. They accept that their job will involve dealing with human tragedias. Meanwhile, the public did indeed choose to go and watch a football game; but surely this choice does not encompass the prospect of a tragedy such as Hillsborough? Stephen McGurk. 23 Tonneller Road, Nottingham NG7 2RW.



next went to Castell Henilys, a partially excavated iron age

fort. Some of the original huts have been reconstructed. We arrived accompanied by a cold wind, scattering rain, and walked into a roundhouse with wattle-and-daub the reed roof, leaving us the fire burners. Protected from the rain and wind, we had the pleasure of a living fire, an element which civilight are the two sows living in an iron-age pig house with a lineage which makes them more ancient than modern. Suddenly the lives of these past peoples seems less mysterious, and warmer. We returned through campions. bluebells, ransoms, orchids, pleased to have had a brush with the past, knowing that down the road the present called with an ace cafe.

jails, June 6) demonstrates the power of political rhetoric in the area of law and order. The previous projections indicated that the number of prisoners would not reach 59,500 until 2004. The profil-"The ubiquitous media doc has done it yet again: this time turning his talents for producing sparkling gems gate use of prison sentences of information in rapid-fire sequence to the field of encouraged by the Home Sec retary's "Prison Works" polbody language and private habits. As always, he icy is placing the Prison Sermakes his subject both personally relevant and of vice in an increasingly impossible position. Even if it practical use. Here's how to judge people by the bags they carry or the cars they drive, plus how to is quickly granted extra manipulate your doctor, appear sexy or make a rival money, the number of prisoners in overcrowded cells will uneasy and a host of other tips too. Once you start to still rise by 3,000 over the next browse you would have to be a hermit not to find it year. The slogan "Prison works" is a grotesque misnomer for current policies. Overcrowded and overstretched prisons do not work. Sen-

- 3 ways to tell when someone is lying tencers' alarming behaviour contains a lesson for all politi- 7 signs that someone is interested in you sexually cians: if they favour a balanced penal policy which. makes a sparing use of prison they must argue publicly for it. It will not be achieved by stealth behind a smokescreen
 - of tough talk which itself affects the climate in which courts sentence.

are more likely to appear.

Paul Cavadino. Chairman, Penal Affairs Consortium,

Crowded cells

THE revelation by the Di-

rector General of the Prison Service that the prison

60,000 by next autumn (Pris-ons chief seeks £115m for new

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employment — unless Red-wood thinks works councils put people out of work. In fact. the social chapter expressly excludes wages from its remit If he is confusing the social chapter with the minimum wage, why does he make no effort to show that minimum wages are the culprit for French and German unem ployment levels? And how loes he explain the fact that since wages councils were scrapped in this country, employment in the industries covered by them has gone down rather than up? Britain's apparently supe rior peformance in reducing unemployment compared to France and Germany is due not to greater success in job creation, but to the greater numbers dropping out of our job market altogether hardly a cause for selfcongratulation. And it is disingentious of

A SYOUR article (Top scien-tists agree on global warming danger. June 6) notes, the evidence for global warming is too strong to ignore. And while it is clear we must lessen dependence on fossil fuels, this

loes not necessarily spell disaster for people in this country. Evidence is growing that as we have become more dependent on fossil fuels, our levels of physical activity have We may edit them: shorter ones

of obesity and heart disease. Many health organisations are urging us to take (even moder ate) exercise. A move towards active transport by walking and cycling can reduce CO₂ emissions while helping to de liver a fitter, healthier popula tion. Similarly, considerable quantities of fossil fuels are wasted heating inadequately

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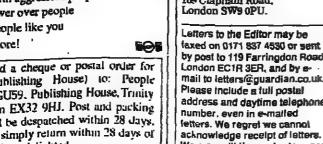
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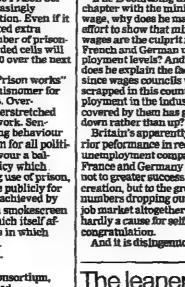
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T IS inaccurate and distnhim to blame the Maastricht genuous for John Redwood (Jobs for the people, Commen convergence terms for unem-ployment, when he has not page, June 5) to blame the criticised John Major's decisocial chapter and the single currency for high levels of unsion to adhere to those terms whether or not Britain employment in Europe. Inacoins a single currency. Does curate, because there is no leg Redwood advocate bigger budislation so far passed under get deficits or higher borrowing than Major? Fiscal policies dictated by bankers the social chapter provision which could be blamed for un-

Cutting that Redwood down to size

produce unemployment, single currency or no single currency. The temporary Employ ment Committee of the European Parliament has shown how a single currency can be combined with sustainable economic growth by a Euro pean recovery programme fi-nanced by European Union Bonds. This would be entirely compatible with the Masstricht Treaty; would increase European competitiveness by modernising the infrastructure; and would increase the employment-intensiveness of European economic growth by boosting sustainable and com-munty-based local enterprises, especially in new ser

vices meeting unmet needs in areas such as childcare, care for the elderly, and local transport (CIIr) Stephen Marks.

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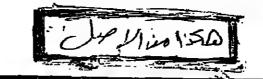
decreased, with increased risk | large numbers of people are unemployed. A concerted effort to tackle poor housing. in particular heat insulation, has an important role to play

in addressing the three evils of poor housing, unemployment and future global climate

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walls snugly tucked beneath a long sweeping thatched roof. In the middle a fire was burning. Sparks flew up and vanished. The smoke lost itself in stunned by the generosity of lised man usually encounters at one remove. Another de-



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INTERVIEW

After a week in the firing line, JACK STRAW refuses to back down over imposing curfews on young children I have a dream – and I don't want it mugged

EXT week sees the twentieth anniver-sary of the establishment of the Commission for Racial Equality. Labour's three race relations acts, each successively tougher, have worked to secure a profound change in the culture of race relations in our society. Much more needs to be

done. But no longer do Asian and black people have to endure without any redress the open and, at the time, law-ful insults like the "no blacks here" notices that appeared in lodging home windows.

Those three acts are seen today as part of the great liber tarian reforms of the Labour government of the 1960s and 1970s, inspired not least by Roy Jenkins who served in both governments as Home Secretary. But "libertarian" was not the charge made at the time.

When the Tories in 1965, and again in 1968, voted to



block Labour's Race Relations Bills, they did so on the grounds that they were illiberal measures which would restrict individuals' "freedom of speech". The power of the state, they said, should not be used to interfere with people's "liberty" to decide for them-

selves who they liked or dis-liked, whom they would serve in a pub, or to whom they would give a job. The next Labour government will strengthen further

and order had "slipped back our race relations legislation. And as Labour MPs on a free as a Conservative priority' When I became MP for Blackvote, it is my fervent hope we burn in 1979, I rarely received any complaints about crime will also secure a lowering of the age of consent for gay people to 16, and an end to the and disorder. Today, I have harrowing stories from my ban on gay and lesbian people constituents about how their in the military. lives have been wrecked by But in other fields there has disorderly neighbours and to be a new project, for a very different situation. For all the routine with which it was worked into Tory rhetoric. crime was a second order issue in the 1960s and 1970s

their children, who appear to have little or no conception of their responsibilities to others.

because it touched relatively

I will not do for Straw Constable Jack Straw [left] to defend has got his truncheon arfews by saying out again. The only that he is a liberal. He people who can or can keep his big stick, should tell teenagers but he needs to tread when to come home more softly. are their parents, New Statesman Daily Express

few people. The Times comfunctional, disorderly communities are entirely external to those trapped in these commented in 1971 how much law munities, whether victim or perpetrator of that disorder. Of these forces, the collapse o dignified work for underskilled young men has been the most potent — which is why one of Labour's first priorities will be to provide work or training for all unemployed young people and action to tackle the scourge of longterm unemployment, And, as the product of a single-parent family, I have nothing but contempt for

can contribute to crime in an world were different is no

Larry Elliott, The Guardian mothers or fathers are to "blame". But analysis must lead not to paralysis, but to iction. To take the specific

issues which I raised last weekend — there is a growing problem of children, out on the streets, late at night. It is first and foremost, an issue of child protection. But the behaviour of these children

their parental responsibilities the state can, and does, inter-Hand-wringing, wishing the vene and can even take the ultimate step of removing a child altogether from its parents. And social services answer. What we do know is

family support and training, do so with a set of social norms to guide them. But at present there is very little parental counselling and education. Measures are sometimes taken too late, and without effective community support - which is where the curfew proposal comes in. Under this proposal, a council with the agreement of the police could declare a curfew in respect of children 10 and under in a particular area. They would only do so with the backing of local residents, in all probability at their request. The process would be a collaborative one. in which the community — especially the parents — was involved in collective discussion about the behaviour they wished to see and about other measures

needed to strengthen family upport. The debate that would ensue would, I believe, lead to far greater agreement among

about young people's behaviour. But if after all this process of community discussion agreement and help, some parents still let young children out on the streets late at night, is it not reasonable for society to step in?

Such intervention is surely better than allowing these children to decline into delinquency through neglect and disinterest. As for whether such a scheme would work, let t be piloted. The risk is small, the potential benefit very great I have always thought adults should be able to live their lives as they think best. But bringas they think best but bring-ing up a child cannot be a wholly private act. Such an approach is no more "authoritarian" than that of

our race relations legislation. Giving children the chance to grow up in a secure and orderly way. in which adults take re ponsibility for them, is one of the greatest freedoms we can secure for the young and for

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New Labour loves I have great flexing its muscles. It reservations that one is tough on infants can enforce responsibility on playing on the street after dusk. The only parents. thing it is not tough on Tony Butler, Chief is the economy. Constable of Gloucestershire can lead young people into crime. Is it "authoritarian" to intervene early and effectively to prevent that happening? Hardly. Successive, all-party children's legislation places clear responsibility for the up bringing of children on parents. Where parents fail to meet



a word in edgeways

grew to like myself better', says Clayton PHOTOGRAPH GARRY WEASER

Voyage round my minder



Interview

The scene: A mid-week afternoon in Birmingham. A small, curiously bare, magnolia office.

Cast

Lisa Clayton: Small, pretty honey-blonde, aged 37, single, who now spends her time giving "motivational talks" after sailing around the world unassisted in 285 days. Although the yachting establishment initially doubted her achievement, her world record was completely ratified last July. Her voice is surprisingly girlish.

Peter Harding: Handsome divorces in mid-forties. Formeriy a promotions expert with Birmingham Council. Organised sponsorship for Lisa strip and now runs their iont promotions business, Clayton Harding Associates, whose office it is. During Lisa's voyage, they were in daily contact by fax, some of which are published in Lisa's new book about the voyage. Joanna Coles: A journalist trying to interview Lisa about | do you charge?

the volume in question, At The Mercy Of The Sea. Props: Two desks, small table, four office chairs, one model classic car. Harding remains behind desk. Clayton and Coles sit round table. The

interview is proving difficult because Harding keeps interrupting. Scene one: 1:45pm Coles: You mentioned you do some work for Land Rover? Lisa: They have Discovery days at stately homes where they learn to drive off road. I'm there to welcome them. you know, "You don't know what you can do until you've

Harding: It's a taste of adven-ture for them isn't it? Lisa: Yes, it's... Harding: It's believing in the product, sorry to interrupt, but if we didn't believe in it then you wouldn't endorse it. You can't afford to, we have a nice rapport with Land Rover.

2pm Lisa: We get 30 to 40 requests a week, sometimes I have two or three events a day. Harding: We haven't had a day off really have we? Lisa: I had two days off at Harding: (Picking up office diary and reading random entry) Woman's lunch in Bir-mingham... Esther Rantzen sbow ... Gainsborough Hotel for an annual women's dinner ... bank manager Coles: (To Lisa) How much

Herding: What you want to say to some people is "Would you come and work for me for free?" No, you wouldn't!

2:15pm Coles: Did you predict such

wide interest on your return? Lisa: I hadn't given it a thought. I didn't know how far I would get or if I would come back! I wanted to sleep for three weeks. Harding: We only realised how big it was when you got back, that was when we realised wasn't it? Lisa: I had some idea . . Harding: We had some idea. Lisa: Because Peter was inundated with letters. (One from Prince Charles inviting her to a garden party at Highgrove.) Coles: Did you go? Lisa: Mmm Harding: Yes it was fantastic. Lisa: Yes I went . . . Harding: We've been very lucky, the people that we've met. You look back on it and you think "Crikey! Got to savour the moment!" I wrote

to Prince Charles to say I liked his speech about putting the great back into Britain. We're a great nation, but we're not selling ourselves.

2:30pm

Coles: (To Lisa) How did the voyage affect Peter's life? Lisa: It totally wrecked him. Harding: Totally wrecked it. Lisa: Peter's divorce happened when I was away. Peter's got a house with a girl, but that's not going too well

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(gestures round office), prob-ably because of all of this. Harding: The trip took over my life. It took over. I couldn't fax her and say "Hi Lisa, it's a lovely day here in Birmingham, I'm popping off to Wales for the weekend." I couldn't. Lisa: I kept saying to Peter "If I were you I'd go"... Harding:...I kept thinking It's my baby, you've got it this far, I've got to coax it and do all I can. Coles: The book reads like a love affair by fax. Lisa: I wish I'd realised that... Harding: Our relationship is like having a car that's running well. When you go in for a service you don't say: "Strip the engine". You say: "I just want the oil changed". 2:45pm (Harding leaves to make "an awkward phone call".) Coles: What made you decide to sail the world? Lisa: Reading Naomi James's

book. I was never really content. I thought how wonderful to do something with your life like that. I'd never really tried before and it was the first time ever I had something I had to do. Nothing else mattered. Coles: And were you satisfied afterwards? Lisa: Yes, to an extent. I grew to like myself better. Before, I thought I've done okay in life. but underneath there was a fear that I might be a failure. I was lacking something ... Harding: (Cheerful as he reenters and interrupts.) Everybody has an Everest don't they? | Harding: I've helmed!

3pm: Lisa: I never sit and think about the trip. I did have problems writing about the really bad storm (where she cap-sized seven times). I kept put-ting it off ... Harding: (Brightly.) The worst thing in life is to relive a bad experience. I was the one receiving the faxes and it was bad enough for me!

3:15pm

Lisa: (Explaining how Har-ding was her chief support.) I certainly wouldn't recommend to anyone else that there's just one person. Peter had this thing about the res-ponsibility he felt. It would be much better if it was a team responsibility. Harding: I'm one of those people that if I do something, I go with it. I helped to get her out there. What would Mr Jones down the road who put 50p in the pot think if she didn't come back? Coles: (To Peter) Are you a control freak? Lisa: Yes, yes he is! Coles: Surely the whole point of sailing around the world is that you have no control. It's you against the elements, that's the point. Lisa: But Peter couldn't see it like that. I'm not being funny Peter, but you are a control freak. Peter likes to be in control of everything! 3:30pm

Harding: I have a dream, a passion for Wales. I'd like a weekend retreat to get away from Birmingham. Lisa: I'm not being funny, but that's another example. It's got to be Wales. If I wanted to go away for the weekend I'd think "Where can I go that's nice", but with you Harding: ... Hang on, hang

ΩD. Lisa: No, it's got to be Wales. Harding:...Mountains either side, herons, Snowdon in the background. I would like to do something with Lisa though, an expedition or something. Coles: But would you be any good on a boat, could you take orders?

Lisa: (Shaking head) Um, I don't know. I don't know... Harding: (Interrupting.) I've helmed her back from Plymouth! Coles: Could you take a long trip together? Lisa: No, no, he'd be fine for the first three weeks then Peter would know it all and he'd be saying "Why are you doing it like that?. I'll do it". I'm not being funny... Harding: I bring people in who are experts. I can do it myself, but if someone else can do it better, you bring them in. No matter how much I sail I'll never catch up with Lisa in the short term, but I

3:45pm Lisa: I'm not being funny, Peter would be fine while he was picking it up, but that would be it. Then he'd know Harding: (Accusatory)

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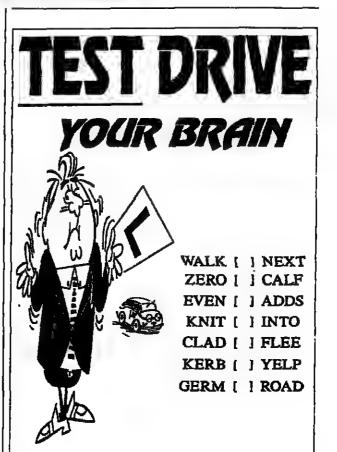
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You're the same. Lisa: Yes I am, that's why I know.. Harding: We're both strong individualists. We both like to

be in control. When I worked for the council, people would say "Why are you always first in the car park every morning Peter?" Because it suited me! (In motivational mood.) You talk to a 9am to 5pm person and you think "Don't just sit there, if you have something to say, put it in writing and move it forward! Move it

forward!" Lisa: I used to get in at 7am at Horizon (the travel company she worked for once). I don't sleep well these days. I go to bed about 10.30pm and I'm up at 2.30am. Harding: I was up at lam this morning.

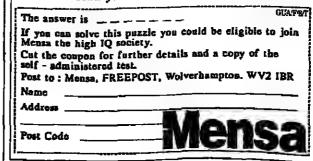
Coles: (Exhausted) By the way, what happened to the coddly toys (two teddies and a stuffed dog called Bernard) that you took on the trip? Harding: Oh, they've got their own story to tell! Of what they saw — whales and sharks and the Duke of York. A nice little angle for a children's book, that.



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N ASIAN stand-up comic. a female Chinese lawyer, and a racist Brummie — what do they have in common? They all appeared in last week's Radio 5 Live sea-son, Race Around The UK (which ends tomorrow). With more than 40 programmes broadcast over nine days, the season has marked the net-

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Views

work's coming of age. I approached it with trepidation — there's little more dead-eningly worthy than the term "multi-cultural". Would this be white reporters cooing over the exotica on our doorstep? Most of the programmes avoided this, many by having ethnic mipority presenters, although the opening programme The Big Picture, presented by Trevor McDonald, did have its lapses with reporter Wendy Robbins's breathless "Gosh, that's fantastic" approach to ethnic commu-

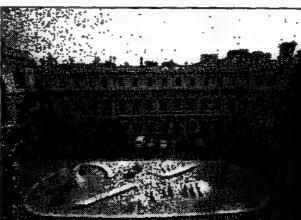
Would it be a depressing catalogue of racism? Certainly, and properly, this was part of the season: according to Silent Scream, the last Home Office statistics recorded 130.000 racist attacks a year, and we know that such attacks are vastly under-reported. The programme eschewed sloganeering for a more sophisticated analysis, examining the case both for a new offence of racial violence and against it, on the grounds that sufficient laws already exist. If only the Crown Prosecution Service made use of them.

The season reflected the enormous diversity of ethnic groups - as well as Afro-Carib beans and Asians, we heard from Italians in Bedford and Chinese in Liverpool — and the differences between them. Two excellent programmes explored current heated debates within black communities: Sisters Are Doing It For Themselve ooked at the "ambition gap" between young black women many of whom are making it in the professions and managerial positions, and young black men, most of whom aren't. Yet this was no glossy magazine paeon to black hourgeoisification, but an unblinkered exami nation of the paths open to black men, some of whom argued that black women are ad-vancing because white men feel i by them larly. I'm Not An Uncle Tom scrutinised accusations that Frank "know what I mean, Harry" Bruno is an Uncle Tom playing the fool for white TV viewers, Footballer John Barnes suggested that we should abandon such terms because they rely just as much on stereotypes as Uncle Tomery The Rushdle Legacy took the view that the Satanic Verses affair enabled Muslims in Britain to develop a strong sense of identity. Now when did you last hear that said loud and clear on the radio? Far more depressing were the rac-ist attitudes vented in Us And Them by "poor, white trash", views that are widespread but rarely get such undiluted expression on the airwaves. By the end, one was struck by iro-nies and insights galore about race in Britain. And by the fact that nowhere else, outside BBC Radio, could such a season have been mounted.

Psst, want to be an artist?

How do the selectors of the **Royal Academy's Summer** Show and the Whitechapel Open decide which unknown artists get to show their work? LYNN MACRITCHIE finds out

N THE darkness, two black souiggles float on a blue background. A pro-jector clicks and another leserve", early summer in London has been a nail-biting time for artists. There were no public art galleries in Britain until 1814, and the annual RA two squiggles appear. An-other click, more squiggles. "I've suddenly hit an indeclshow, still the largest open contemporary art exhibition In the world, was the only sive petch — shall we stop for tea?" Mark Sladen suggests. It place that the work of living artists could be seen. The Is late afternoon in a window-less room at the Whitechapel show's impact was enormous Gallery in east London, and three of the gallery staff, selec-tors of this year's Whitechapel and began the tradition of open summer exhibitions. At the Whitechapel, founded in 1901, the first "East End Acad Open show, are taking a well-sarned break. Around them, carousels filled with slides are emy" open to "all those living or working east of the Aldgate stacked four deep. It is Thurs-day, and they are giving a second look to 120 entries, pump" was held in 1932. In the RA building in Picca dilly, the selection committee whittled down since Monday of 10 academicians sits in the from an original 833, and needairy white and gold grandeur



atchment zone, really mean -thousands of paintings, culptures, things, most of which may only ever be publicly exhibited for the few econds it takes to click the projector's remote control. Poor selectors. Aren't they tempted to run away, or grab a projector load or two at random and ignore the rest? "Oh no, it's too much of a responsibility," Janice McLaren says.

On-screen hits may be followed up by a studio visit to finalise the selection. At the RA, the painting selectors are looking for work with "a quality of excellence within its own terms", McComb explains. There, work is restricted to paintings drawings and priots, as well as sculpture and architectural projects, all seen in the original. The Whitechapel include

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professionals, known and unknown, all happy to support this manifestation of London's visual arts community. Its Open Studio days provide a further chance for artists who may not have been selected to have their work seen. On Royal Academy Varnish-ing Day last Friday the 1,000 or

so paintings finally hung blurred into a colourful back-ground as flower-decked tables were set out in the galleries and painting's first academy prepared to party. A grand funch and prize-giving follow a service for artists in St James' Piccadilly, on the day McComb considers "the happiest of the

> Back in the dark, the White chapel projector clicks on. Themes and variations ap-

Crime for a laugh

The Guardian Saturday Ja

Television

Stuart Jeffries

INCE Friday night comedy became as funny as a Gordon Brown speech on recent developments in economic theory, it's been neces-sary to look for laughs elsewhere in the schedules. Fortunately. the glut of crime and emergency services dramas fits the bill.

The real Friday night come-dians are Michael Gambon, Michael Buerk and Juliet Mor ris, whose moralising interludes between the reconstructed dramas are unwittingly bilarious. This week Expert Witness (ITV) opened with the camera sweeping past a leather sofa to Gambon looking pensively out of a desirable-looking warehouse flat before turning to the camera to begin his introduc-tion. That sofa really gave the game away, it was a homage to Roald Dahl's Tales Of The Un-expected and Alfred Hitchcock Presents. The costume design-ers should really think about giving Gambon an after-din-und the state of the sector. ner Havana to suck on. Be-cause that, in television tradition, is when murder stories get told: after dinner in a panelled room by a plausible fat man with a fat cigar.

Gambon is there to supply actorly gravitas and a wry ser mon. What's funny is that the moral is beside the point we want to be titillated not educated, but perhaps we will feel a little less unseemly in our voyeurism if it is prefaced by an edifying speech. "The more elaborate the criminal's plan, the more likely he'll be caught," said Gambon glibly tween ruminative pacings. "So often it seems that crime is cleverer than the criminal."

He made his speech in a spirit of high seriousness which made it even more laughable. But that hauteur is fundamen tal: crime doesn't play. The ensuing story, about a debt-ridden man, Robert Man-

tack, who killed to claim the life insurance, pushed Gam-bon's moral home. But even a

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very stupid crime would have been cleverer than this criminal: he taped his victim's voice so he could play it over the phone to her parents, thus making it look as though she was alive when the call was made, and providing him with an alibi. But he made the call from a phone box, where pass-ers-by thought it odd to see someone playing a ghetto blaster into the receiver. Soon, as happens in these programmes, the story degener-ated into a bymn to the forensic skills of an acoustics

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expert. Based on a 1992 murder case, Expert Witness was scripted schematically but nonetheless tellingly. Next to the reconstructions of 999 (BBC1), this was understated stuff. 999 can never resist including the interioping Joe Public, who makes the job of the emerency services heroes even more difficult, and whose role is to make viewers tut with ' cross superiority. Here a coas guard, who was directing a rescue mission from the Brigh-ton seafront with a mobile phone, was interrupted by a bloke who demanded that the sissy coastguard should get into the water and do his job. Didn't he realise that to question the emergency services h action is as absurd as the bad uy who thinks he can stop Bruce Willis surviving into the final reel?

Part of the pleasure of 999 is putting oneself in a superior position: you would never drive while sleepy at 3.30 cm, would never go to bed without properly stubbing that ciga-rette out, would never forget to put a battery in the smoke alarm. Would you? And if you're the sort of person who would, Michael and Juliet are there to explain why you shouldn't, bless them.

In the reconstructions, the victims are played by actors vhile the emergency services heroes appear, like Lassie, as themselves. No wonder: who would want some actor grabbing a piece of the glory? Why otherwise would a real doctor, who pulled the stake from a crashed driver's shoulder want to go through the traums of doing so again in the recon-struction? Funny peculiar.

the opening theme, fearsome power in the first movement ely creal evenness and lightness of touch in the faster episodes of Svetianov/Kissin the second. The finale was built wave upon wave to ever greater intensity, and the tension released in a flood of tone in the coda. This was an interesting contrast with Kissin's recital at the Festival Hall three weeks ago, when his fearsome attack on everything in the programme suggested that, for all his brilliance, he had narrowed the scope of his playing. Here the dynamic range and tonal beauty were spell-binding, though the huge cadenza erupted with volcanic energy. and an encore, Rachmaninov's G minor Prelude, was unleashed with irresistible power. Svetlanov, who made his admiration for his young collaborator obvious, was content mostly to subordinate the orchestra's contribution, providing a subdued and beautifully moulded accompaniment that left the piano in sharp relief; full weight was applied, though, for the final peroration to set the seal on an out-Argerich. It was a perforstanding, all-encompassing mance of many glittering facperformance ets - suggestive lyricism in Andrew Clements fully, illogically, he wanders around crooning Mississippi blues. And so it goes on, in a style that may sound like stu-The Turning World dent anarchy. But the work's wit and timing are so tantly wired, and the personalities of its performers so believable HE TURNING World's most recent shows have both been about transforma that, for all its deliberate derangement, it creates a genution. Mathilde Monnier creine, lovable world ates change from externals by Unlike Monnier's crude imiripping out the seating and tation of mad people, L'Atelier En Pièces, which has little to turning the auditorium into a beautiful, white room. Iztok recommend it other than the Kovac, by contrast, occupies a specially constructed theatre-within a theatre in which it is stage that is only shabbily furnished, and works his trans-formations though tricks of the performed. Made from thick white paper and lit from out-side, this is an exquisitely aus-The most important of these take place in his dancing tere and luminous space that encloses us and the dancers. Often during the perforbodies. Kovac's style in Sting & String has a hard edge that's mance the latter come right up softened and complicated by sprung folk rhythms and clasto our seats, gibbering and ges turing. Their proximity should sical ornamentation, and make us both vulnerable and within it he's very good at ef-lecting magical shifts of vi-sion. A solo phrase becomes receptive. But there's little to respond to, Each dancer has a few "mad" routines of speech lense and huge when it's or movement which they per-form tirelessly for 80 minutes. danced by several bodies together. A phrase is speeded And though Monnier claims up so that its steps become a these are based on observablur of energy, or a fleeting image in the choreography tions of real patients, she's de-veloped them so scantily as turns comically literal. drama or dance that we really But much odder changes don't care. What we do take occur outside the dancers' conaway is the knowledge of what it's like being trapped — which trol. One minute we're simply listening to music, the next we gives us at least some inkling see a film of the musicians of the trauma of being in an playing it. We think we spot a institution. figure, hunched among the C The Turning World season players, and when the film continues at The Place (0171-387 vanishes this gangling fellow 0031), London WC1. is actually on stage. Cheer-Judith Machrell

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Since each artist can submit six slides, that makes 4,998 siides in the two-dimensional category alone. Not to mention 157 entries in sculpture, 61 pro-posals for installations and 51 entries in the film and video section. Curator James Peto's eye are so tired he can't wear his contact lenses. "Last night I went straight to the cinema from here. I can't believe I did that ... " wails community edu-

Where's the soul?

ABRIELLE'S smart.

On She's survived a No 1 debut single, and you don't do that without being

smart, or getting very good

advice. Dreams, the massive

hit which could so easily

have become a lead disc

around Gabrielle's neck.

was modern enough to be

based around a sample, even if that sample was of

cation officer Janice McLaren. It gets to them — all those hours in darkness, snacking on junk food and drinking coffee. Selecting is not a glamorous business. Ever since the Royal Academy began it all with its first Annual Exhibition in 1769, open to all artists of distin guished marit. Where they may offer their performance to public inspection and acquire that degree of reputa-

homespun folkie Tracey Chapman's Fast Car. Things

have moved on so swiftly since then that Gabrielle

could not have hoped to compete. Instead, she had the good sense to resurface

with a single, Give Me A Lit-

tle More Time, which care-fully recreated the Ameri-can R&B pop sound of the

late sixties. This is the little

human chain of RA students asses the 10,000 or so submit ted paintings from hand to hand in a Mexican wave of artistic endeavour. Artists from all over the world submit work in the hope of experiencing the "magic carpet effect". Leonard McComb, Keeper of the Royal Academy Schools tells how one collector, impressed by a painting by an unknown artist hung in the show, sought her out in her gloomy basement and bought all her work, enabling her to move to a fine sunny studio in Clapham. Unknowns are lured by the glamour of history and the chance to hang beside hon-

black dress of musical

tasteful, it suits any

genres. Understated and

Gabrielle, too, is under

a large group of happily laid-back musicians on the

small stage of London's

Jazz Cafe; not so much a

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cony is lined with murmur-

ing diners, and it is an open

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what those fabled statistics tion and encouragement about 5,000 artists in London's which they shall be deemed to East End. the exhibition's

dull or clever. orary RAs such as Roy Lichtenstein and Frank Stella as vell as British stalwarts, like Sandra Blow or Carel Weight Back at the Whitechapel, the projector clicks on. We're being blinded by art. This is

em of how to choose. As the images click by, decisions are made quickly, with little argument. First time through the electors don't know the artists' names, although they may recognise the work. Familiarity doesn't guarantee inclusion, however, and they may even be harder on artists they know, concerned both not to be prejudiced and also to give others that elusive first chance. Work can be in for making them laugh, "making me think of Betty Rubble's hairdo", or out for being too

Watching, I can feel myself silently making the same choices, but unable to define why. James Peto says: "You have to rely on a gut feeling, things that look fresh . . . these are the ones where the decision comes very easily." That's true. As an im ge fills the screen, either the heart sinks or the weary eyes light up, momentarily refreshed.

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that make a new song sound vaguely and agreeably fam-iliar. Gabrielle doesn't go in

for bravura displays of tech-

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brief, neat tune. This is a technique in it-

Live, it spares the audience the embarrassing demand

superficial or plastic would

self, and very effective.

that they rise to the emo-

tional pitch of the per-former. To dismiss it as

rith in ation projects chosen from written proposals. "The aim is somewhere in the middle of a good-looking show and a show that represents all that has been seen," Peto says. For McComb. the final Academy bang is "a marvellous fruitcake", which tries to give each painter "their own energy and At both venues, the concept of open submission is prized by exhibitors. There was outrage when, in 1992, the Whitechapel, in a bid to increase the show's prestige, invited contri butions from established artists. Royal Academicians have een permitted to invite others

to show at the RA since 1991. This year it set up a panel to find ways of encouraging a wider range of artists to sub mit work. After howls of pro-test, it has yet to meet. The Whitechapel does not seem to suffer from such identity crises. It attracts work from artists who define themselves as

be to misunderstand it. It's

It's understandable that

Gabrielle, having sensibly

like a recent photograph, lovingly aged and septa-tinted by hand.

random phrases. "So many people are doing these squee gee things" "Stained mat-tresses are overworked territory." Watching the slide parade is like dipping into the art world's collective unconscious, with themes --- child abuse, miniaturisation, body parts, abstraction in the man-ner of Gerhard Richter or Fiona Rae - rising to the light for a moment before sinking again. The selectors put their inger on it "There's lively derivative and dull derivative" And they know their own aknesses, too: "I don't know why I'm attracted to this sort of stuff," says one selector. "It

would be funny if it turned out to be a really had slide and that's why we like it . . . " **Royal Academy of Arts Summe** runs until August 18. The Whitechapel Open and Open

Exhibition opens tomorrow and Studios runs from July 19 until ember 15.

Festival Hall, London ANY CONCERT by Evgeny Kissin now guarantees a

Philharmonia/

full house, and there wasn't a spare ticket to be had for his first concerto appearance in London since he made his ele trifying recital debut in April last year. Kissin appeared with the Philharmonia and Evgeny Svetlanov; it was an intriguing combination of Russian musicians --- the 68year-old conductor very much a product of the Soviet system the pianist more than four decades younger and typical of the post-Soviet generation of artists in the way his career has been developed and pro-moted in the West — and one that worked marvellously. The concerto was Rachman inov's Third, and Kissin's exceptional account secured his place in the great tradition of the work's interpreters, from the composer himself through Horowitz, Ashkenazy and

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eye and mind.

The Place Theatre

done away with her eyepatch, should have replaced it with an extravagant forelock. It gives her a sorely peeded sense of mystique. She's obviously a clever lady. And being clever never had anything to do with soul. David Bennun

MICHAEL BILLINGTON hails Trevor Griffiths's new play

History in the making

HE TEST of any history play is whether it both pins down the past and reverberates in the present Trevor Griffiths's Who Shall be Happy? - presented by Bel-fast's Mad Cow Productions triumphantly passes that test, dealing both with Danton's last days and the plight of the popular revolutionary in oppressive times.

This 80-minute two-hander is set in a Paris prison-cell in 1794: the height of the Great Terror. The prisoner, Danton, strives to keep alive his hope that the original liberating fer your of the Revolution is not extinct and that there may yet be an uprising on his behalf. He bribes his jailer, Henry, to smuggle out a coded letter enlisting support. But Henry is

guided by his instinct for selfpreservation and his doubts as to whether this is the real Danton or a lookalike decoy set up by the Committee of Public Safety. One of the many ideas Griffiths plays with in this piece is the extent to which re-plution turns its protagonists into theatrical performers.

But Griffiths's most striking chievement is making the past a metaphor for the pres-ont. His Danton represents the plight of the impassioned idelist who finds everything he believes in under attack: both from elitist tyrannies and from what Danton calls "the free dance of capital". If there is a guiding theme, it is of the inex-

change must always operate

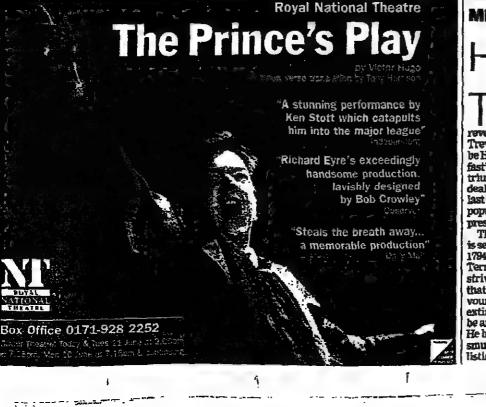
fiths's best play in years, tinguishable nature of hope and of the belief that radical

London W14, until June 29.

for the benefit of the many

rather than the few. Past, present and future blend with seamless fluidity. Griffiths also reminds us that a one-set two-hander can still tackle vast public themes: his own production embraces modern history and the eternal struggle for freedom. It also contains a stunning performance from Stanley Townsend whose Danton combines brawn, brain, sensuality and residual optimism and a deft one from Kulvinder Ghir whose jailer shows the canny unidity of the new-model citizen. This is political theatre at its most intelligent and Grif-

At the Bush (0181-743 3388).



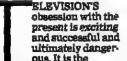
Gabrielle ... well-crafted

The past is a lost channel

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Television's infatuation with the present - the actual - is driving art and history to the margins of our culture, argues MELVYN BRAGG





equivalent of the get-rich quick fast-farming which so rapidly made an agricultural sert of so many fertile prairies.

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Television does the present with such ease. It is the communication world's performance on the high traveze. Is there a war? Television will be there. The Olympics are made for television --- and, as some suspect, certain military skirmishes are too. A Caesarean birth, a breakdown, a scandal a political disaster - Enoch Powell, that most erudite mo ern conservative, said that polítics is not real today pless it is on television and there is not too much exagger

ation there. There seems something ade for the instant about television. Even canned shows strive mightily for the sound of live laughter. You push the button and tune into

Recently on British television there was a little film about a man who had decided that television was better than life. He was a Scot - I say that to introduce the notion that he was not a slack-minded couch potato numbed with boredom: in fact, he put up a spirited case.

What was going on in the town in which he lived was very dull - and the shots we saw proved it. By turning on television he could take part in a more real, a more vivid, a bigger world. QED. His wife Hoovered around him.

Even television's exercises in history tend to be rather simple-minded exercises in nostaleia - comforting on the one hand (what a lovely world it was then, with horses and crinolines and swords and honour and women in their place and everyone else in their place) and usefully, skilfully uneasy on the other hand - that we today have fallen so far, that there is a lost Eden. that we are still the children of the Fall, a profound conviction which characterises life

in civilisations outside and before our own Christianity which, of course made of it a pillar of belief. But the present is not

enough. Its surface excitements can not only become superficial - history, philoso phy, poetry, all these are fully capable and have often proved themselves to be superficial they can drug us into a quivering rootlessness, a nervous apprehension and rellance on the next fix. If the present is all we have then we lose the

often inadequate but clearly essential support system of what has gone before. Does television owe the past debt? Strictly, commercially, if the public is sovereign no. Should it owe the pas deht? Of course you would expect me to say yes to that and i would like to delay that for a moment or two. If television owes its audience anything

then the obligation is the sau as that of print: to which the rough justice answer is -whatever is demanded. "The public," wrote the German playwright Friedrich Schiller in 1784, "is now everything to me --- my preoccupation, my sovereign and my friend". Now, because

of its slow growth over half a millennium, serving various elites and fractions of society, being appropriated by religio here and revolution there, for so long in the hands of so few and those few most often those

in power and authority or zealous subversives, print has a history which it still respects.

Academic publishing thrives as generously — som strictly commercial competitors would say more generously thanks to hidden subsidies - as popular publishing. The rocket growth of knowledge, particularly in science, has been enabled by books. and this discipline and many other highly varied groups have dug in and taken a hold on the marketed imagination of print over many centuries. Television is the biggest short-term fix in the history of information. It is the hit. I remember Martin Scorses telling me that he was recording every day's television --

oil with fast crops and the thoughtless economy solely of the short term return, it has to ceinvent. It has to reinvent for its own future, If it merely serves up the present, its future is bound to be less and less rich because it will have no deep past to draw on. You chop down trees for present use: you plant new trees for future store. You know which trees to plant because you have studied the past and so the forested world as we have known and asaulted and reclaimed it goes round for some more time. Time to come out of the closet and say: yes. Yes to debt Television does owe the past a debt which it needs to pay for many reasons, including its own survival. Without that payment, television --- lacking the long and usefully tortuous history of print which has been intertwined in the heart of so many significant strug-gies of mankind to grow and prosper over the last 500 years - will risk being sidelined by makers and viewers alike as merely the quick fix, the easy option, the infant's comforter the adult's childish thing, to be put sway in the grown-up world.

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Television can do this in many ways. My concern bere is to make the case for the arts. On the surface, we do not have a promising situation. In much of the world, arts programmes are under pressure. Money is tighter and tighter in the USA and in much of Europe: ratings are releatless the eagle feeding off the liver of Prometheus night after night and demanding more

again day after day, the public interest in such programmes - almost everywhere offpeaked on major channels — is declared to be minority or even marginal (despite that interest often being expressed in millions of viewers). I am even informed that some media moguls have been over heard in their sleep to mutter - who needs them? Who

wants them? That same sover

ign public. Remember, this is just a case for the arts -- history, social studies, politics, they will find their own champi ons. In some ways they ne them less than the arts. Or they have found them alm ady Ted Turner, for instance, is currently backing a mammoth 20-part series on the history of the cold war.

Could we find a similar champion outside the few exceptional subsidised TV systems — for which we give much thanks — in Europe! Perhaps from the great tradition of American philan-earshot -- will see the future through the establishment of a well-funded, commissioning creative arts channel, which will be his surest mem art has been again and again throughout history.

Or is it possible that those who influence those moguls who control the great media networks will find a space in their Imagination for well, imagination?

> OULD it not be boldly imaginative to be the first patron-cul-tural value of

the people's medium? After all, the sacred saints in centuries gone by, got their rewards for dedication to the many, to the mass of the earth. It is not at the moment as fashionable around the millionaire glittering cocktail — or rather, selec tive mineral water - circuit, but wouldn't it be a marvell-

to do, especially in the New World -- to bring culture lavishly and ungrudgingly to the people of the television 200 in short - by way of a play

ful digression, perhaps, but one which could if taken up have enormous and beautiful consequences --- could not those in charge of the schedu on the main channels in your worlds and mine be persuade to give the arts a chance? So many people are now in terested in the arts. Like the character in Molière who did not know that what he was speaking was prose, millions of people who are absorbed for instance in movies and music of many varieties are open to the past and to the works of the imagination. They are collaborators in art — just as

The idea of a past which has a present tense is easy in their minds. Were television more fully to exploit that — as it tries to do in some places al-ready — then this would be one way of giving acknowled gement to a depth of interest which could be a storehouse for the future. For it has so very often bappened that the dynamic future has only com from a willingness to understand and rework the pastwhich is what that most tumultuous liberator, the Renaissance, meant. At the very least, arts programmes could be the marram grass

ous, modern and lasting thing | lar examples taken, for obvious reasons of convenience, from my own experience. What could arts documentary programmes bring, what parts could they reach that are

reached by no other programmes, what do they reveal

hat matters? A very great deal. When David Lean — whose films, on shot and the whole hinterland of working with actors, then, I believe, people listen and learn in the best of all possible ways, without feeling force

A direct line is established to a British theatrical tradition, a tradition of skills and moreover the complexity of a loved work — a movie — is outlined in a way which enables viewers, particularly younger viewers, to glimpse a ast the complexity of the adult work-world. When Stephen Spielberg speaks of his childhood obse sions and his youthful estays in films we can see, again in the work of someone we, the viewers, have enjoyed and respected, the power of devotion needed to carry

through a singular work; it is like a boy being able to watch, daily, one of the sculptors working on the Cathedral of Autun and understanding what is involved so that he too could go on and attempt the

same. For the burden of this piece is that television's future growth must lie in a steady cultivation of the past. What use will viewers be to television strangulated as it could become in an eternal present with viewers increasingly surprised that there was a second world war, let alone a first, let alone the Holocaust, the Bolsheviks, Robespierre, Newton, the Puritan Fathers, Chartres Cathedral, Alfred the Great, the Roman might, the Greek

This is far from fanciful. To expand a market you develop a taste and as the market of And television is creative television is the world past whether it accepts it or not -and present, to miss out the

past, to underinform, is to restrict your possibilities. There is also, some believe, no little responsibility in using this extravagantly popular medium to grow the awareness of the population. I suppose television could

rely on schools to do this, or on print or radio, but to rely on others to do the seeding work is a doomed short-termism. which so many other industries have realised, often too late. Television's wide reach as a mass informer means that it should take up more of the share of stocking up for the future, not less.

aboration with the viewers OUNDBITES and to make it benign, to make it tokenism rot the create new and unexpected system as surely appetites that it can satisfy -as an unalleviated and to put it to the service of diet of cakes and the best that has brought us sweets. Television here over the last 5,000 or is at last the very medium of 10,000 years. democracy. Democracy is having trouble discovering Like Schiller, television can now say, and I conclude by those willing to patronise and repeating, "The public is now everything to me — my prooc-cupation, my sovereign and my friend." Television can deliver a sleeping draught to develop its higher instincts -no problem at all in finding those keen to exploit the power of its lowest or most humanity or an open access opportunity to help enrich commercial common

ienominator. this revolutionary global dem-ocratic culture and cultivate Yet if it wants to dig into the deeper sympathies and habits of viewers, it must dig into those parts of the mind and the the wide benefits which have only just begun to appear. imagination which currently Television can help democracy, which is still a very new and rather fragile growth, beit fears because hig audiences to not automatically follow. Little acorns is a very good cause at last it is a system which has inherently thought. Nature has not done undoubted capacity for high badly with it and the triumph quality. of Darwinian theory shows, The key word in my senamong much else, that struggle and innovative ance from Schiller is "sovereign". If the public is truly to adaptation based on previous success leads to the real winbe sovereign then it must be ners. A bland acceptance of given power. That power is the status quo is doomed. cnowledge. If television can become the bringer of knowl-So, arts documentaries and other documentaries and testedge as well as so much else ing drama, and all of that then the world will be a safer much more regularly plumb in the middle of peak-time, big place for intelligence and a place which recognises and explores the boundless variety

channel schedules? Why not? Suck it and see, Look at Gulliver, which has just surprised us all Arts, of course, being only one of many ways to develop an audience for the future through the creative accounting for the past.

of human experience. Televi-sion can do that. All it needs is the will. That is all that has ever been needed. This is part of the keynole speech to the Banff International Television Festival

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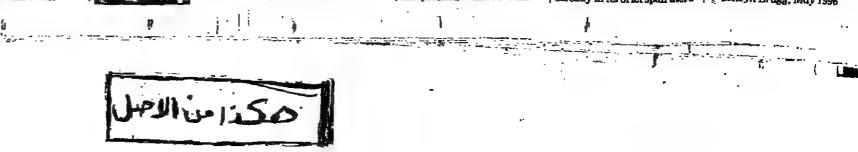
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In Vancouver already in its brief span there | & Melwyn Bragg, May 1996



used to stop the sheltering protective sand dunes from sliding out to sea.

Melvyn Bragg is Controller of Arts

at London Weekend Television

where he is responsible for the

South Bank Show and an eight-

part series with Simon Rattle on

now in production. He has been

the history of 20th century music

the presenter of Start-the-Week on

Radio 4 for the past seven years.

His most recent novel is Credo,

a 7th-century epic

Borges saw his ideal reader to

Let me now steer towards a conclusion with some particu-

television, the boming loft of all movies, all schoolboys have seen — talks about Noel Coward and the second world war and the craft of the long

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Lovely on the water: Peter Bird on the Serpentine, London, a confined space for an ocean man

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Down to the sea again

ETER Bird's last and most difficult project came to an and this week when his 29-foot craft Sec-

tor II, en route from Russia to North America, was found capsized by a ship responding to a mayday call.

An ocean rower of great experience. Peter was meticulous when it came to safety, and until the boat is examined it won't be known why the craft didn't self-right itself as it was designed to do (and as it had done in the past). His boat was a state-of-the-art construction, and he was per haps the most capable of all ocean rowers — 31 in all since Harbo and Samuelson first rode across the Atlantic in 1897. Peter also had a healthy

respect for the sea. His one great fear, however, was going overboard and not being able to catch up with a wind-blown boat. He wayn't a great swimmer; when he and I anchored off a beach in St Lucia after our 1974 Atlantic crossing, my suggestion that we swim the last 10 yards to shore was countered with "Shit! I've never swum that

St Mary's, Cadogan Square. He left school at 15, combig skies and sliding seas. He was a great companion, keeppletely unqualified, and went ing us entertained with rude into an advertising agency as a general dogsbody. When the firm went bust he bought a sones and stories of his travsleeping bag, and with a copy of Jack Kerouac's On The Road tucked under his arm hitch-hiked around Europe This was the start of a new way of life — the start of his real education. From that point on, whenever the urge came, Peter would quit whatever job he was doing, and be

off - hitching, walking, sailing, circumnavigating the world as a ship's photogra-But despite Peter's irrepressible wanderlust, he al-ways missed home: we could be bobbing about in mid-Atlantic under a hot tropical sun, silver clouds of fiving fish bursting out of the sea,

and he would be thinking of London, family and home. When we met in 1972, Peter shipped to the maritime muwas saving to build a catamaseum in Exeter. Undeterred, ran. I was saving to finance apart from a painful apology the first trans-world rowing to the boat's owner. Peter. voyage, and when I told this with the help of the Hawaiian big, bespectacled guy in bright blue boots that I was boat-builder Foo Lim, launched a new boat. He set or e crew dis ey:

Lone broadcast voice

period as gadfly reporter and commentator in BBC Current Affairs. Although his regular

contract was painfully termi-nated, Worsnip's freelance

prospects looked good, until

illness. He felt increasingly

unsteady. Then, as he recalls in his memoir Up The Down

Escalator: "On August 1, 1986 I had my head examined."

The cerebellum had shrunk.

The doctor pronounced cere-bellar staxia. "You might be

zombie in five years; it might

be 20." CA affects speech and balance first, a double impair

ment that put an end to regu-

lar broadcast work. For over a year he soldiered

on, brushing aside muttered comments that he might, un-

usually, have had more than

one for the road. Then, in

early 1988, he came out, on radio, in the programme A

Lone Voice, properly consid-ered a classic. Wheelchairs and long periods of hospital

rower to have crossed the Pacific was not enough for Peter. He could not settle. As if

booked by some exotic drug he sought the next fix. This was to be crossing the Pacific from west to east. Russia to North America. Three abor-tive attempts followed after tremendous effort not only from him, on the part of Ken Crutchlow and his back-up team.

The first attempt lasted 304 days (the longest solo rowing voyage yet recorded) but took its toll. After wards Feter told me how huge the seas were, how relentless and cold the life was. The satellife tracking print-out of his daily post tions looked like a double spider's web. His frustration

must have been incredible. But he continued with two he hit a reef and the boat broke up. more attempts. **Bits of Britannia**

There was undoubtedly a dichotomy in Peter's life; he was a danserous adventurer and at the same time a warm and loving family man — his partner Polly and young son Louis were central in his life. But he knew he could never settle to a normal life. The ocean had seeped into him

and we all had our own fears

Glyn Worsnip: 'I am tired of

who knew him the wry self-

disparagement was in charac-ter, inaccurate and unjusti-

fied. And his many friends

who continued to visit him

over the long last years will

welcome mustered even

against appalling odds.

Brian Wenham

always remember a cheerful

Esther Ranizon writes: Glyn

and I first met at Oxford where

we became very close friends. He was a brilliant performer

World built two sewage-filter

living, scared of dying'

and forebodings. Polly under-stood his motives. She found it difficult, but she didn't stop

On March 27, he pulled away from Nakhodka to attempt the 6,000 mile crossing Only the French rower Gerard D'Aboville had success fully crossed from Japan to the US. Peter had added the extra passage from Russia, and wouldn't make it easier for himself by changing the

Peter spoke to his mother, Joan, via a satellite link, a few lays before he died. He was feeling fine, the sea was rough and there was a contrary wind, but these were the usua setbacks. When the wracked boat was discovered the fam-ily did not clutch at straws for very long. The sea was too rough and too cold for him to

ILL'VIVE. Peter Bird was a man with a huge passion that demanded much of him. He took highly calculated risks , but never subscribed to the gungho antics and patriotism of some professional adventurers. He was a caring, thoughtful man

Jack Massey

ACK Massey, who has died aged 85, taught himself to be one of the

finest tennis groundsmen

ern Tennis Club to such perfection that Wimbledon staff took the train to Man-

chester to ask his advice.

Neighbours of the club were familiar with his 5am starts during summer tour-

naments, pottering round

the courts to check for un-

disciplined paiches of grass

or traces of moss, and stay-ing until twilight finally

His 34 years as head groundsman, succeeding

his father Edwin in the post

in 1949, spanned the era of Little Mo Connolly, Billie

Jean King and Jimmy Con-nors. All won the Northern

Tournament which, until the eighties, was a prelude to Wimbledon during the

brief grass season. Massey was born in the year that his father started

work at the club's spacious grounds in Didsbury, the

south Manchester suburb favoured at the time by the

editor C P Scott. Massey's grandparents had all been in domestic service. Massey

city's élite, from textile barons to the Guardian's

spent the minimum time

required by law at Dids-bury national school, be-

dustry as a clerk. Almost two decades in

fore joining the cotton in-

textiles gave Massey the famous "Manchester feel" for cloth; he could close his

eyes, rub his thumb and forefinger over a swatch and guess accurately at its

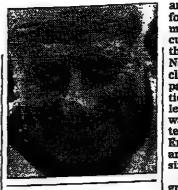
origin and, frequently, the

Weekend Birthdays

d at 11pm.

in the world, bringing the 18 grass courts of the North-

THERE'S an account of Johnny Depp, 33 tomorrow, on location for Arisona Dream reading lots of Dostoevsky and wearing emphatic black. He sounds endearing, as if he were working his way through a correspondence course in Vernacular Romanticism you know, first term you drug and drink and get into plasing player, 54: Allson Moyet, rock singer, 35; Sir Cranley Onslow, Conservative MP, matches with iggy Pop; second semester you are saten by a bed in a Freddy film and 70; Sir Bric Parker, former became a famous teen wet dream playing a narcs cop on Fox TV; then you have to swot chief executive and co-founder, Trafalgar House, 63; Commander, Aldershot Area (Army), 54: Nick Rhodes, rock keyboard player, 34: up the Marlon Brando profiles and attempt variants on badboydom, like hanging from the side of the Los Angeles Beverly Centre by your fingertips, trashing a botel room and bashing a Canadian security guard. (Visual work, including the decor of your nightclub, The Viper Room, and your collection of lacquered pirhanas, may also be submitted). Pretty much



The green grass courts

of the early morning

Manners spanned the Tournament era of Little Mo Connolly, Billie Jean King and **Jimmy Connors**

mill where it had been woven or the thread spin. This talent transferred to grass, with its multiple vaieties, when Jack joined Edwin as a part-time assis tant, following fire service in Manchester during the second world war. He became a full-time groundsman in 1947, suc-ceeded his father after two

years, and set about com-bining his practical expertence with academic knowl-edge. As the science of turf and soil management progressed, the he kept himself up-to-date, subscribing to papers and joining the Institute of Groundsmanship It was this combination of skills observed in his

father's work, his "feel"

and a voracious appetite for new knowledge which made Massey a supreme custodian of grass. Although he was to see the Northern Tournament de-cline in prestige, as highly paid stars on the interna-tional circuit bridled at leaving London, his work was known throughout the tennis world and the All-England Club visited to ex-amine his technique in the sixties. After retiring as head

The Guardian Saturday June & for

groundsman in 1984, Massey served as manager of the club for three years and became an honorary life vice-president. His interest in tennis never lapsed, and he was vice-president of the Institute of Groundsmanship at the time of his death He leaves his wife Nancy, a retired administrator, his sur:

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daughters Hilary, a student adviser, and Doreen, (professor of geography at the Open University) and two grandchildren. The Club, grandchildren. The Child, known as the "Wimbledon of the North", was packed for a memorial gathering this week, which heard how officers were initially. sceptical about the stories of Jack's 5am start.

"I decided to test it but only managed to get to Dide bury at 5.30am," said club president Jim Cochrane. Jack was out on the courts and he said with a wink; There's plenty you can do to help Jim, but you're halfan-hour late."

Martin Wainwright

Jack Massey, groundsman, born 27 December 1910; died 27 May, 1000

Furniture, 57: Peter Kilfoyls, Labour MP, 50: Sir Nicholas Lloyd, former editor, the Daily Express, 54; Robert McNamara, former president, World Bank, 80; Michael Mates MP, former Conservative minister, 62; Alice Pollock, dress designer, 54; Charles Saatchi, advertising executive, 58: Peter Sanders, former chief executive, CRE, 58: Steve Smith Eccles, jockey, 41; Susan Strange, professor of international Shirley Littler, chairman. relations, European the Gaming Board, 64; University Institute, 73; Millicent Martin, actress, 62: David Troughton, actor Prof Terence Morris, criminologist, 65; Tony Mottram, tennis player. 76; Doug Mountjoy, snocker **Death Notices**

Cierach, fashion designer, 44; Michael Codron, theatrical producer, 66; Prof Alice Coleman, geographer and urban planner, 73; Prof Francis Crick, biologist, physicist, DNA discoverer. 60: Julie Driscoll, singer, 49; Hugh Faulkner, director,

Persistent Virns Disease Research Foundation, 80; Earl Ferrers, junior environment minister, 67; Dadley Fishburn, Conservative MP, 50; Helen Fraser, publisher, 47; Gwen Harwood, poet, 76; Ray Illingworth, crickster, chairman, England selectors, 84; Prof Sir Michael Levey, art historian, 79; Lady

Hardie, chairman, WH Smith and Son. 58: Doug Henderson, Labour MP, 47; Roy Hughes, Labour MP, 71; Derek Hunt, chairman, MFT

els. Once when he was working naked his penis suffered dresdful sunburn. By the next morning he had made a jockstrap out of a woolly jersey sleeve and slipped it over his painful member, making him ook like a deformed elephant For our separate reasons we abandoned the voyage after completing the Atlantic leg and returned to UK. I settled, but Peter never did. A few years later be told me that

another ocean called and he was preparing Britannia II for the Pacific. He would go solo - he would be by himself, and ALF-WAY across

Peter was born in Bromley, Kent, the third of four children. When his father moved to work at the Royal Mint, he was sent to the English Martyrs' School, Tower Hill, and

Glyn Worsnip

LYN Worsnip, who

carved a wayward yet cheerful path

-through the arts and media

sion and radio, with some print journalism thrown in.

for nearly 30 years. He was in the theatre for a decade, then

slid gracefully across to televi-

In television he served five

years before Esther Rantzen's That's Life mast, acting as

waspish chorus to her bur-geoning persona. His affec-tion for her was always clear-

*Considering the differences

that you are in fact older than

I am.' I bit back some remark

about how when she was 18

and hard-pressed, she had been glad to copy out my essays. A wounded Esther

was a dangerous thing." After That's Life came a

headed. After one spat, he

said that she had hit out:

in our relative positions, Glyn, it's amazing to think

has died aged 57.

gleamed. "I'm your man," he announced. And so he was. Peter loved working on this kind of project: the planning, the preparation, the company and the long dreamy days of

ing the Pacific from east to west in 294 days, before piling up on the Great Barrier Reef. He was rescued just in time by the Australian navy. That he was the first solo

followed. Worsnip reported in

1991: "I can't now stand or walk without support. I can

only write and read a few words at a time. I am tired of

living, and scared of dying."

nding of a rare disease

that often goes with it: "We

are the only class who are no

have no money, we are sup-ported at subsistence level, by

public expenditure. If we have

some savings, we must spend them until we are poor enough to qualify for support -- again at subsistence level." Worsnip was born in 1938

n Gloucestershire, and his

last years were spent back there. He commented on his

lengthy illness: "I lose my temper, I cry, I flounce, I de-

spair. I am not an heroic fig-

ure making the best of a downhill battle." For those

ergies into a better under-

and the economic distress

encouraged to save. If we

He threw his remaining en-

were later

for himself

Early this year, he returned Derek King to Russia to make his fourth attempt. None of us ever got used to Peter's departures. Peter Bird, ocean-rower, born February 19, 1947; lost st see-

June 2, 1996

in student revue and cabaret, and I used to patter around his glamorous shadow. At the time when That's Life started Glynn was working in the professional theatre. We were looking for presenters and I was a bit timid about asking him if he would consider a television show. But he came along to the auditions just for the fun of it. He was so obviously perfect for the job. He could sing, was an excelent mimic (particularly good at French accents) and also bad a journalistic sharpness posing, of course: the man's real gift, to guess from Don When he left That's Life he Juan De Marco or Ed Wood,

seems to be an energised amiability combined with the radiance of hurt. His repeated went on to make documenta-ries, and made a particularly nemorable one about about the Paras. His radio work was also very popular. When ill-ness struck, he made a wonengagements to girls rather give him away --- there used to be a Californian bumper sticker "Honk if you haven it been engaged to Johnny Depp": Byron or Brando might have seduced — or derful Horizon programme about his disease — drawing attention to how little is understood about these rare conditions. What I will miss most about ven married in haste --- but did either ever shop for an Glyn is his wit. Almost to the ment ring?

end he was making jokes. And be never lost his passionate Today's birthdays: Colin warmth about the people and the causes he cared about. Baker, actor, 53; Sir William Barlow, president, Royal Academy of Engineering, 72; Barbara Bush, former US First Lady, 71; Lindka

Joan Rivers, entertainer. 63; Nancy Sinatra, 56; Norma Shaw, bowler, 59: Dr Robert Stevens, master, Pembroke College, Oxford, 63; Martin Taylor, chief executive, Berclays Bank, 44; John Thompson, former Director of Radio, IBA, 67; Mariorie Thompson, former chair. Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, 39; Norma Shaw, bowler, 59; Derek Underwood, cricketer, 49; Dame Anne Warburton, head of EC Commission on war crimes against women in Bosnia, 69; Graham Watson, literary agent, 83. Tomorrow's other birthdays: Peter Beazley, Conservative MEP, 74; Tony Britton, actor, 72; Ossie Clark, dress designer, 54; Prof Bryan Coles, FRS, physicist, pro-rector Imperial College, London, 70; Robert Cummings, actor, 86; Michael J Fox, actor, 35;

HARTLEY, Brian Joseph Hardey, G.M.G. O.B.E., died peacabilly after a short librare In Mombassa, Kenya on Wadneeday Sh

KEITH-ROACH on June 6th 1996, Proton Bannard uneo Masseyl check possession Deepty loved by her landy and triends and much valued by the community Fungel service at Holy Triung Church, Nincler Nampton on Nonday 17th June at 20 pa-Enquirise to Pecker and Stade FURE 01205 650525.

01285 653538. When the state of the state of

SQUIPERS, Professor Exam, opened the batting, but was called back to the pavidod-alter scoring 2 not out. His contribution still be an eventabling memory

TERRIV, Hannah Mary ince Perne of Revorend Francis Terry died be on May 28h, al Worthing, aged 94

Acknowledgments Oroastul thenks to Si Jude for request

In Memoriam

INCHTINGALE. Jo, would have been 25 on iunday. Her joyous spini aurvivos in all mo love her

Memorial Services

CUDDON, A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Chartes Cuddon will be held in Hampden Hall, Emmanuel School, Better-sea Rase. SW11 1HS (0181 870 4111) on Thursday 27th June at 6pm There will be a reception after the service

ETo place your amouncement talephone 0171 713 4567 Fax 0171 713 4129.

Face to Faith We need sects education

James Bampfield

Ranti-sect paranoia is sweeping the world. All ruling bodies, political parties and the media seem unanimous in their suspicion and hostility towards sects and any group of people labelled a "sect" are automatically viewed with prejudiced eves.

After the dis-Order of the Solar Temple, the French Government drew up a list of more than 150 groups which they considered to be dangerous and a report on the phenomenon. They are now investigating these groups looking for evidence of "coercion", "exploitation", and "mental destabilisation".

of "breaking away from the references normally acknowi-edged by society." Does that rule out alternative medicine. ducation, clothing and

invaded by police without

toothpaste? I belong to a spiritual move-ment called the Wild Goose Company, some of whose members live at Energy World, a community in rural France. The founder, and my gation, but there is little doubt as to its real purpose and it has ptritual teacher, is Michael Barnett, who endeavours to been followed up by various teach and share his knowlpolice summonses concerning edge with anyone who is inter our small school, as well as immigration issues. Since this harassment started, the local ested. Energy World has been placed on the government list. Extraordinary though it may seem, I chose to come bank has closed the Energy World account and the local here of my own accord - beinsurance company has cause the spiritual call is refused to insure the commu-

stronger than that of finan-cial, family, or social stability. nity. A regional magazine has published a leading article on More alarming is the attention the report pays to the dangers Energy World which is loaded with snide, misleading, and

when it is my turn; and I work in the community without financial reward.

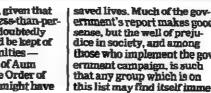
ing lakes, to protect the envi-ronment, a rumour went Energy World was recently round the neighbourhood that these were built as reposiwarning at seven one morntories for any human corpses ing. Exits were sealed, and all the computer files were comleft after your average "cult activity". On a visit to the UK 1 mandeered; Mr Barnett's priwas inundated with remarks vate quarters were ransacked about "free sex" (do ordinary citizens pay for it?) and "brainwashing". Prejudice takes years to The pretext was a tax investi-

erode, so what is needed is some kind of political/legal recognition and protection for new religious movements equal to that received by racial minorities and homoservals. It does not seem outrageously liberal to allow a group of people to gather together and experiment with styles of living that differ from those of conventional society. Nor is it so illogical for people

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to want to do this, given that most come from less-than-perderogatory comments. The article is prefaced with an editorial which says: "There is no such thing as an harmless ect." Pontius Pilate would have heartily agreed. The result is to stoke up mblic opinion. When Energy



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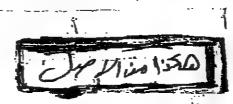
nation. Of course the master-/disciple relationship and communal living are open to abuse. But these very struc-tures --- Christ and his dis-ciples, Buddha and his ash-ram, Plato and his academy-

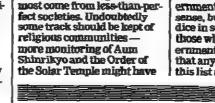
provided the inspiration for some of the most important steps taken in understanding the nature of human existence

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James Bampfield lives and works at Energy World

BY GARRY TRUDEAU IT'S NOT HOW I FELT THE FIRST TIME I SAW THE NAM. BELIEVE IT OR NOT, FLASHBACK. LOOK! I WAS ... EXCITED. TINT 1 RICE PADDIES!





Doonesbury

NHCA ... NERE COM-ING IN ONER THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS...

Glyn Worsnip, born Septen

2 1938; died June 6, 1996

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SHAKE THE FEELING

saved lives. Much of the government's report makes good ense, but the well of prejudice in society, and among those who implement the gov ernment campaign, is such that any group which is on

diately the subject of discrimi-

authority, 68; Jeremy

Prof Geraint Gruffydd,

Welsh and Celtic language

MoneyGuardian

Savers feel pain of surprise cut

Teresa Hunter

RITAIN's nine million mortgage borrowers will this weekend be celebrating the lowest borrowing costs for 31 years -but it is not all good new on the home front.

Saturday June 8 1996

The Inland Revenue yesterday underlined the fragility of any recovery in the housing market, reporting that the 1 per cent drop in mortgage rate over the past six months has not pushed prices up, except in some pockets of the country. Furthermore, the number of purchases has de clined over the same period. This confirms the picture painted by the Halifax Build ing Society when it rushed to cut its mortgage rate in the

wake of the Chancellor's move. It reduced its standard rate by 0.36 of a point, to 6.99 per cent, setting the

benchmark for smaller competitors. The Woolwich, Alliance & Leicester, Barclays, NatWest and Britannia were among those which followed the Halifax, with the Abbey National charging the slightly higher rate of 7.04 per cent on smaller loans.

Mortgage institutions time being at least, for savers with at least £500 to invest for which have pledged to remain building societies rather than convert to banks have set their rates even lower. The Brad-Northern Rock is paying 7.5 per cent fixed on £2,500 in-vested until June 1999. ford & Bingley has a new low rate of 6.74 per cent, while the Coventry has dipped even lower to 6.24 per cent for savers of five years' standing. The Nationwide, which already has a 6.74 per cent lending rate. is reviewing charges to borrowers.

Direct Line, which recently way the rates on these prodbegan selling mortgages over ucis will move. While some lenders put the telephone. cut its mortgage rate to 6.05 per cent. their fixed-rate loans under

But lower rates for borrowimmediate review, both the Halifax and Abbey were scep-tical whether fixed mortgage ers mean even smaller returns for savers, although those incosts would fall further. A stirutions committed to mutu-

Costs fall on home front

Monthly saving on a 25-year repayment mortgage (with Miras) Rate: 6.99 per cent unless shown otherwise

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Abbey			Britannia		
30,000 (7.04%)	195.27	3.96	30.000	194.47	3.96
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30,000	194.48	4.12	30,000	177.88	3.00
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90,000	616.79	14.16	90.000	604.20	13.40
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ality have pledged to keep sav-ings rates up where possible. Halifax spokesman said: "The indications are that longer-Bournemouth-based Portman term rates may rise following Building Society was yesterthis latest base rate fall, which day warning savers to lock means that there may be little scope for fixed-rate mortgages into fixed rates quickly before savings rates dive. The Portman Fixed Interest to be cart."

Despite these reservations. competitive pressures are likely to push fixed-rate loans down to meet demand, because they are popular with customers. The best five-year fixed rates are currently above 7.25 per cent — well over the basic variable rate.

Giving customers what they want is crucial for keeping the bousing market moving. The Halifax acted rapidly to bring rates down after the Chancel lor's cut, in an effort to stoke up activity, which remains weak despite last month's annual house price rise of 4.6 per cent. Fears are growing that last

month's encouraging news on prices could prove a blip which might easily reversed if prices fall in the

card, for now, is a limited

second half of the year, as they have for the past two years. Black Horse Agencies agrees with the Halifax that home owners need some additional incentives to move, after conducting a survey which shows serious shortages of houses in some areas.

Its estate agents found that 65 per cent of buyers have no property to sell, but 75 per cent of them are not first-time buyers. This is leading to a shortage of three- and fourbedroom houses The house price recovery in

London has been patchy, ac-cording to the Inland Revenue, but houses in Tower Hamlets, Kensington, and Camden are selling for more than their asking price. Greenwich and Lambeth. weighed down by high repos essions, remain depressed. The improvement in outer London is also sporadic, with Bromley, Ealing, Wimbledon, Harrow and Enfield all

buoyant In the North, prices have allen in Sunderland, Middles brough and Ulverston. In the North-west, only Crewe saw any improvement, with the markets in Salford, Southport and Rochdale weakening. Valuers in Southampton,

Guildford and Brighton reported rising prices in the South-east. But repossessions are keeping the market flat in Bedford, while Chelmsford saw an increase in people handing back the keys. Simi-larly, properties in St Albans

are struggling to find buyers, unlike Colchester, Aylesbury Porstmouth and Eastbourne, where transactions were up. In the South-west, activity is still falling, while the Welsh market has remained static. East Anglia has been static, too, apart from Cambridge, where moves and values have been strong within the city.

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Cliff Jones

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Since April, half a million consumers in Devon, Cornwall and Somerset have been able to choose from nine suppliers. The competition is exected to bring down gas billy

Numbers game ... BT's reduction in charges will be in part offset by line rental increase

Watchdogs sink teeth into household bills

rate lines. Customers who ry's local daytime rate is more spend more than £40 per quarter will break even. For every

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Tesco raises stakes in card game

Cliff Jones

ESCO will hold the 5 per cent interest rate

on its revolutionary debit card despite Thursday's interest rate cut. The retailer said its "best buy" rate would not be reviewed until January 1997. The Clubcard Plus pay-

ment card, launched on Monday, is linked to a Tesco deposit account which pays interest on credit balances. Customers can use their cards to make purchases or obtain cash at checkouts or from NatWest cash machines.

It will operate alongside the supermarket's existing loyalty programme which allows customers to collect points towards lower gro-

cery bills. The Tesco interest rate beats any UK low-balance instant-access account, but shoppers should remember that, despite the bype, this

s not a bank account. The rate is particularly attrac-tive in the light of Thursday's base rate cut, which is expected to drag down bank savings rates further.

Bond remains open, for the

year. It pays 6 per cent gross

But both borrowers and sav-

ers might be advised to wait a few days before committing

themselves to long-term in-

vestments or loans at fixed

rates, because it was by no

means clear yesterday which

1.5 per cent net. Similarly,

method of payment and cardholders will not be The Co-operative Bank pays 5 per cent gross inter-est on each pound in its Pathfinder instant-access account, but savers must open their account with 5.000 or set up a minimum of £100 in standing orders. The interest rate on an 'added value" account introduced this week by Barclays is just 0.3 per cent gross. The Additions account also charges a £5 monthly fee for which you get perks such as a free will-

issued with chequebooks. The cards can be used for payment at B&Q do-it-your-self stores, which joined the Clubcard scheme in April. Payments into the Clubcard account must be by standing order. Shoppers are allowed a credit limit equal to the amount paid into the account from their standing order. Tesco says the maximum credit limit is £5,000. but writing service and a 24-hour legal helpline. Bradford & Bingley this is available only to

people who pay in more than £60,000 a year. Customers who ase the Building Society pays 0.25 per cent on its instantcard to obtain credit are charged interest at 9 per access account and Lloyds Bank pays 1 per cent on its cent. This rate is much instant savings account. lower than those of other Even the best instant-access storecards such as that ofrate from the bigger banks, fered by Next, which

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Midland's Saver Plus, pays charges 25.9 per cent, or only 2 per cent gross. But the Tesco scheme can-Marks & Spencer, at

24.8 per cent. not be operated as a conven-Safeway has said that it is looking at a direct payment card to operate alongside its ABC loyalty card. Sains-bury has not reacted, but tional current account. The announced earlier this year that it would launch its own loyalty card in the summer Alliance & Leicester has dropped the annual percen age rate on its GIro Visa card from 22.9 to 21.9 APR. The society has reduced the rate on its Atlantic Visa old card from 18.9 to 17.9 APR but annual fees. £12 and £10 respectively, remain unchanged. Cheshire Building Soci-ety has entered the credit card market with its own Mastercard. The card has no annual fee, and charges 18.9 APR. The society is offering 18.9 APR for

six months to existing card holders who transfer their balance from another card issuer.

pressure from two inchanged for air miles. dustry watchdogs. Telephone Option 15 takes 10 per cent bills will come down by 4.5 per off all direct-dialled calls and cent and gas bills will be al-5 per cent off calls to mobiles and premium-rate lines. Unmost £40 lower. BT customers will save an like PremierLine, which charges an annual fee, Option estimated £125 million a year on their charges. But BT will recoup about £80 million 15 has a running cost of £4 per quarter and a break-even when it increases line rental point of £40 per quarter. BT's by 90p to £25.69 per quarter Friends and Family scheme gives 10 per cent of five num-bers nominated by the caller. next year. Those most affected by the charges will be light

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customers to a 15 per cent dis-count on all direct-dialled cury is cheaper for standard long-distance calls but BT's calls and 5 per cent off calls to price can be reduced by varimobile phones and premiumous discount schemes. Mercu-

The right connections

Provider	Local Peak/ Off-peak	National Peak/ Off-peak	New York Peak/ Off-peak
BT	3.4p/1.4p	8.4p/5.0p	33.6p/32.2p
Mercury	7.45p/2.45p	6.4p/2.5p	28.1p/26.9p
Dial 1602	6.0p/2.9p	6.9p/4.0p	23.5p/22.5p
First Telecom		_	14.0p/10.08

All prices e ude VAT. Table does not take into account BT savings achames ioin for a one-off £1 fee. The system is linked to the resient's standard BT phone. Typical of cut-rate interna tional call providers is First Telecom, which does require customers to maintain an account - in effect pre-paying

Ofgas, the gas industry reg-ulator, said the price cut it announced this week still allows British Gas a profit margin of 1.5 per cent in the face of inreased domestic competition.

by an average £80 as rivals seek to undercut British Gas. The complexity of this new competitive climate was high lighted yesterday by the disclosure that many people in the South-west had been over charged by British Gas when they closed their accounts and moved to a new supplier. British Telecom: 150; Mer cury: 0500 500 194: Dial 1602: 0171 757 7161; First Telecom: 0800 376 6666.

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IE City yesterday plew a loud raspberry at Thursday's move by the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, to cut a further quarter-point off interest rates ---setzing instead on evidence from across the Atlantic that interest rates around the world will rise again soon.

The response was sharp selling of both bonds and equi ties, producing a fall of 53.5 points in the FTSE 100 index of top companies to 3706.8 and slicing almost a full point off gilt-edged prices. An unexpectedly strong

May jobs report in the US reignited inflation fears.

hooks. Yesterday, there was

- while the US government In the US, the benchmark 30-year bond fell more than two points, sending the yield **FTSE 100** above 7 per cent. Worries that the Federal Reserve will be Price Index forced to put up American interest rates quickly spread to the stock market in New 3,800 York, where the main US index, the Dow Jones Industrial Average, fell more than 80

points in early trading. Aside from London, jitters about inflation also spread to continental Europe, with the CAC-40 index in Paris sliding 3,400 31 points to 2102 for example. Since March, the monthly blication of America's non farm payroll figures has kept 3.200financial markets on tenter-

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While the Dow Jones later

clawed back some of its losse as curbs on computer trading were introduced in New York analysts in London were warning that a spate of British economic statistics due to be published next week will be scoured for any evidence of inflationary pressure. Bob Semple, head of strategy at investment bankers

NatWest Securities, warned that the FTSE 100 could continue to fall if any further evidence of the US economy threatening to overheat emerges. "We may well have seen the best of shares this

year," he said. The Federal Reserve's open economists welcomed the market committee next meets prospect of employment cre-

be said.

Fed chairman, Alan Greeninflation span, will move immediately to raise rates from their cur-

"This is a healthy report, with healthy jobs growth al-though we know the Fed willrent level of 5% per cent, rather than waiting until later in the summer and riskinterpret this as raising the danger of inflation," said ing a clash with the US presi-Peter Krøtzmer, economist with NationsBanc Capital dential elections. President Clintonhailed Markets. "We don't see in the latest jobs reports as furother numbers the beginther evidence of his success nings of inflation."

ful economic strategy. "The-Despite the hig jump in job creation for May, Darwin lieve it is a sign we can grow the economy without infla-Beck, an economist with CS tion if our workers and our First Boston, pointed out that averaged out over the last five businesses are productive," months, the US economy had While the bond and stock created a sustainable 225,000 jobs per month. "That is con-sistent with moderate ecomarkets shuddered at the jobs report, several Wall Street nomic growth for the year," Mr Beck said



Mark Milner

TOCK and bond market Sreaction to the release of monthly employment data from the US is fast assuming a ritual air. The Labor Department figures show the American economy creating more jobs than the economic analysts expected, leading to warnings about inflationary pressure which, the forecast ers predict, the Federal Reserve will head off by increasing interest rates

The reaction has a basis of a sort. The markets remember all too well that when rates last started to rise — in Febru-ary 1994 — prices, particularly bond prices, slumped alarmingly. The subsequent Mexican

isis maintained the markets' sombre mood. So now they get their retaliation in first, before a shame-faced rally takes prices back to, and then beyond, where they were before.

There is a new twist beginning to emerge. It turns the conventional wisdom on its head, suggesting that, despite the jobs data, the Fed will not increase rates, therefore infla-tionary pressures will not be checked, therefore investors

should sell. That kind of argument is likely to gather strength the closer we come to the presidential election in November on the grounds that the US central bank will not want to be seen to playing politics. This is all very well. Markets go up, markets go down. It is at least arguable that to regard good news on the jobs front as bad news for the financial markets is perverse

The European economies would be overjoyed if they were able to rattle up job cre-ation on the US scale. But as overreaction gives way to ver more perfunctory ritual,

another danger emerges. The markets could start to gnore the jobs data, and be aken by surprise when the Fed does raise rates — and will then be panicked into melt-

The fall-out would be even

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Lucas has made little secret of its desire to find a suitable partner to boost its internaional standing. The proposed deal was not exactly unwelcome on the other side of the Atlantic either. Varity shares shot up more than \$3 immedj ately after the merger announcement.

There is no doubt that in terms of size the deal will put Lucas/Varity comfortably towards the top end of the 20 motor components groups which are expected to dominate the industry. Size alone will not be

tations have been dashed

One consequence of the col-

laose of BBA's bid ambitions

is that Lucas's own strategy.

a merger with the US group

receive the scrutiny it would

Varity - might not now

have faced in a takeover

enough. The question will be whether the two will be more. than the sum of their parts. That is always more difficult to achieve in a friendly marga than after a takeover. when the acquiring company can feel freer to take drastic action. A BBA bid would have given the debate extra bite.

Making a mark

E who pays the piper calls the tune, but some of those involved in . European monetary union ap pear in grave danger of forget ting it.

official argued that the new European central bank, to be European monetary union, should have an obligation to intervene on the foreign exchange markets to protect those EU currencies which had not signed up for the

should only be given if the budgetary policies of the countries concerned were suf ficiently rigorous comes close to adding insult to injury. The reason is that the bur-

change intervention would fail principally on that part of the central bank's reserves contributed by Germany, a country already finding it difficult to get even its views

Biggest diamond mine quits **De Beers**

Dan Atkinson

HE world's biggest dia mond mine yesterday pulled out of the De Beers gemstone cartel after months of bickering over prices and quotas. But the South African giant took the news calmly and insisted its international marketing grip would not

be significantly weakened. Argyle -- whose biggest shareholder is Britain's RTZ, the world's largest mining house — will now sell its diamonds direct through its Antwerp office, cutting out De Beers's Cen-tral Selling Organisation (CSO), based at Hatton Garden, London,

A CSO spokesman said De Beers was "disappointed, naturally" but "not sur-prised". The 66-year-old cartel, he said, would not be damaged seriously by Argyle's decision, nor was re any question of a "falling-out" between De

Beers and RTZ. At the end of the day, he said, the CSO had not been able to give Argyle what it



Sparkle dims . . . De Beers' decision to 'rebalance' diamond prices has hit Argyle, which mines mainly cheaper gems

the diamond business have | with an average value of led De Beers to "rebalance" | just £6.50 a carat, against CSO prices, taking advan- | the £65 a carat produced by

The CSO rejected sugges-tions that the pull-out could value of world production

eanordise the deal signed

on February 23 after tortu-

large shareholdings in BBA,

by the firm and argued furi-ously that the idea should be

dropped. Several sharehold-ers, led by Robert Fleming,

spoke publicly against the planned £2.5 billion offer — an

By yesterday evening it was clear that the proposed take-

over was not going to get off the ground, though the BBA camp was claiming the sup-

port of several institutions. Even before BBA's an-

nouncement, Lucas's share

price was on the slide and BBA's had started to climb.

They closed the day at 239p

and 303p respectively.

extremely rare event in the highly secretive City.

were opposed to a counterbid

BBA forced to drop Lucas bid plans

PHOTOGRAPH: LYDIA VAN DEM MEER

BBA claimed it had dropped | falls through. But City institu

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Take yesterday, for examole. A senior Italian treasury created as an integral part of

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wanted, in terms of higher prices and increased sales, and Argyle had been unable to satisfy De Beers's desire to stabilise the market. Changing conditions in

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tage of strong global demand for expensive stones while cutting the prices of . cheaper, less popular gems. This has hit hard at Argyle, which — despite its size — produces diamonds

Half Argyle's output is used for industrial purposes, and the other half features mainly in the

Sarah Whitebloom

HAREHOLDER opposi

group, to drop plans to bid for

ucas just two days after de-

ing the automotive compo-

nents firm.

Stion yesterday forced BBA, the engineering

some De Beers mines in Bo-

ous negotiations, that kept Russia within the cartel. Russia, after De Beers, is the world's second-larges producer of diamonds by cheapest types of jewellery. | value; together they ac-

Argyle accounts for 6 per cent. Its current CSO contract runs to the end of the month, after which it will not be renewed. While wishing Argyle well, De Beers sources suggested the 1982 and rejoine mine had helped depress the following year. 1982 and rejoined the

its plans because the price it

would have had to pay for Lu-

cas had risen along with the company's share price. BBA said: "We've withdrawn, or

backed off for the moment, not

because of a lack of industrial

logic in the deal but because we don't think there is value

there for us. "BBA has not been able to

shareholders would accept an

alternative proposal to a merger of Lucas and Varity

Corporation on terms which would be in the interests of

BBA's shareholders." BBA has "left a door open"

for Lucas's board to approach

it - in case the Varity merger

satisfy itself that Lucas's

levels. It opened in 1983 to produce 29 million carats a year, and now produces about 40 million.

tions were saying last night that any chance of the take-

over plan re-emerging was ex-tremely slim.

"It's all up for a BBA bid.

Lucas wants to do a deal with

Varity," said one leading fund

manager. Lucas said it was "very

merger agreement with Var-ity" and had no intention of

The retreat is a rare setback

for Roberto Quarta, BBA chief

highlighted by last year's pur-chase of Holvis Holzstoff in

executive. He has led an ag-

cressive two-year revamp.

Switzerland's first hostile

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opening talks with BBA.

The CSO has seen defections before; Zaire left in

time when Wall Street had finally decided that its long bull run had run out of steam.

Beyond BBA

BA's announcement that it will not be making a bid for Lucas has left the company looking red-

faced. Officially, BBA is saying that it decided not to go ahead with an offer because it had not been able to persuade sufficient Lucas' shareholders to give their backing. Clearly, however, BBA was also having to face disquiet from some of its own institutional shareholders. That is not too surprising. Shareholders were entitled to have doubts about just how

much industrial logic there would have been in BBA acquiring Lucas. They were entitled to feel disquiet about how much new paper and/or debt would have been required to finance the purchase of Lucas which, after all, has a significantly larger market capitalisation than the would-be bidder

News in brief

Boardroom

finance ministers are movin toward agreement on a set countries that take part in ... EMU, it will fall short of the original German proposals in particular, the German idea that EMU members should be penalised automatically if their budget deficit exceeds 3 per cent of GDP is falling by the wayside.

Instead, an EMU progress report adopted by EU finance ministers earlier this week called for the EU to build on the Maastricht treaty's provisions for fining countries that run up "excessive" deficits. The system, however, is ensected to have more flexibility than Germany had wanted. For example, countries will be fined if their deficit "persists," although the ministers have not said for how long. Moreover, there is likely to be some scope for countries to escape fines if their deficit widens for "exceptional" reasons.

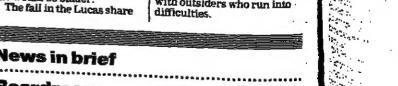
A Germany struggling to keep EMU insiders up to the mark - or the euro - is unlikely to have much sympathy with outsiders who run into The fall in the Lucas share difficulties.

over the next 20 years. A network of three-star hotels is also planned. It partner,

China International Industry

and Commerce Corp, will

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improvements group, issued its fifth profit warning in three years yesterday. It said results for the first half of the year "will fall well short of the 1995 comparative" where profits reached £900,000. As a result, £3.4 million was wiped

Ladbroke's Hilton International hotel chain has started an expansion in China which will see it run as many: as 20 five-star hotels there

the time of their audits. In Deend of 1992.

£450m have been issued over Barings losses, says NICK CUMMING-BRUCE

Writs for more than

HE liquidators of rogue trader Nick Leeson's Baring Futures (Singapore) operation are suing the auditors Deloitte & Touche and Coopers & Lybrand for well over" \$700 million (£450 million), alleging neeligence over their failure to expose the losses that eventually brought down Barings Bank.

In the first of two suits served at the start of the week liquidators Price Waterhouse seek to pin liability for losses run up by Mr Leeson in 1992 and 1993 on Deloitte, which carried out external audits of **RFS** in those years.

A second action over 1994 losses, understood to amount to about 65 per cent of the total Price Waterhouse is seeking from the two companies, cites Deloitte and Coopers & Ly-brand, which conducted the external audit for that year.

Mr Leeson, now serving a six-and-a-half-year sentence in a Singapore jail, broke Brit-ain's oldest merchant bank by running up losses of

\$1.4 billion that he concealed in the error account "88888". Price Waterhouse will be upable to recover the total amount of Mr Leeson's losse from the auditors, financial sources said, as the negligence they allege dates back only to

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claring an interest in acquirloitte's case, this started at the

Price Waterhouse, which The company announced investigated the BFS scandal that it would not be launching on behalf of the Singapore government, alleged in its report that Deloitte's auditors were aware of the "88888" ac-count but did not examine Mr a bid without the consent of the Lucas board, which has already agreed to a merger with the American Varity Corporation. Leeson's transactions on the The news followed mounting opposition in the City to

grounds that the year-end bal-ance was insignificant. The report said that Deloitte did BBA's bid hopes. A number of fund managers, who control not adhere to standard auditing procedures, by failing to review the transactions or to obtain independent confirmation of a balance pre-pared by BFS that later turne

out to have been faistfled. The investigators noted that Coopers & Lybrand Sin gapore failed to obtain inde-pendent confirmation of Mr eeson's explanation that a 7.778 billion yen (£46 million)

7.778 officient year (256 minute) discrepancy in 1994 repre-sented money due from a US securities broking firm. The C&L auditors failed to spot

that a faxed confirmation pur-

porting to come from the US

company arrived on paper from Mr Leeson's home fax machine headed "From Nick

Lisa". C&L Singapore did not for-mally complete its audit of BFS for 1994 but did give un-

qualified clearance of the Bar-

BFS, Price Waterhouse noted. The liquidator's writs are

unlikely to be heard before the second half of 1997, according

to a Singaporean financial

source, who said that even

at a good clip"

that timetable was "hard but

do-able if everybody proceeds

ing Group's report covering

Amicable returns £100m to Gas bill rip-offs tax-shelter investors Cliff Jones

Scorrish Amicable has been forced by the Inland Revenue to hand back more than £100 million to 30,000 investors after its latest scheme for sheltering tax was de-

clared illegal. The Scottish fund manager said the Revenue's decision not to grant tax-free status to a trust to be launched later this month was "geared to create as much disruption as possible". A further estimated £50 million is being held by inde-pendent financial advisers who expected the trust to be blackballed.

The Revenue decided to close a loophole in Pep regula-tions two weeks into the sixweek launch period of Amicable Strategy. The trust promised to shelter £50,000 from income tax, and was on course to raise its target of

£240 million. Michael Jack, financial secretary to the Treasury, said that the Government had "no alternative but to introduce an amendment to the Pep regulations with immediate effect to prevent particular arrangements under which investors

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might circumvent the £6,000 Customers in annual subscription limit for Peps authorised by competition trials Parliament." The Amicable's trust was to vast the £6,000 allowance in the Pep and a further £44,000 in a split-level investment

trust, the income from which would be held in a separate portfolio. Scottish Amicable, which

manages £11 billion, will refund investors' money later this month with the offer of a 2. per cent discount for those investing refunded money in its unit trusts and Peps. However, many investors

will have lost hundreds of pounds in interest on their savings after cashing in other investments with the promise of sheltering £50,000 from the tax man

Mark Bolland, technical nanager at chartered accountants Chamberlain de Broe says: "This was always an extraordinary trust and the Inland Revenue has decided to be heavy-handed. Scottish Amicable thought they were in the clear."

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Scottish Amicable last night would not comment on the setback but will detail the size of the refund on Monday.

overcharged, reports CHRIS BARRIE AS customers in the south-west of England have been charged "hundreds of pounds" for gas they never used, it emerged

yesterday. As British Gas launched an inquiry into more than 70 cases of overcharging, the Gas Consumers' Council (GCC) said that people had been charged amounts "greatly in excess" of the cost of gas they had used. On average the over charging amounted to £160 and, in two cases, it exceeded

£350. With 52 consumers complaining to the GCC and "many more" direct to British Gas, council director Ian Powe accused the company of rely-ing on "untried systems as justification for taking money out of customers' bank accounts". Checked by even a "half sensible person". the charges would have been seen

to be inaccurate. ÷.

The overcharging occurred clearout when consumers in the south-west switched suppliers. The region, which is hosting trials Double the number of boardroom bans were made against unfit directors of ahead of full competition in supply in 1998, has seen some companies in the first three 40,000 consumers quit British Gas Trading (BGT), the supply arm, for rival suppliers. Under a pre-trials agree-

ment, BGT bills customers on the basis of information received from a meter-reading carried out at the behest of its competitor. That information is sent to BGT via TransCo, its pipeline and transportation division

There were conflicting reports yesterday of where the inaccuracies were taking place, with accusations and counter accusations betwee suppliers and TransCo.

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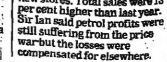
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months of this year than in 1995, the Department of Trade announced yesterday. More than 200 were barred disgualified over 3,000. In the year to the end of March. a record 727 directors were lesmed unfit, compared with 392 in 1995. Allders goes Swiss Allders announced yesterday

Alluers automate yester day that it is to sell its duty-free operations to Swissair for £160 million, bringing to an end weeks of uncertainty which began with an offer from airports operator BAA. The sale depends on Allders shareholders voting against the BAA offer, which is worth only £145 million, at a meeting

on Monday. **Hiltons for China**

at the annual meeting that sales were 7 per cent up on last year, excluding business in new stores. Total sales were 13



build the hotels. **Confidence** builder **Building firm Taylor** Woodrow yesterday said it saw early signs of confidence

returning to the housing market, although margins were very tight and left little room for error.

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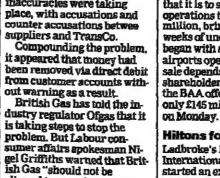
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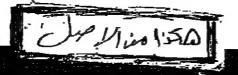
Tesco sales up 7pc Tesco chairman Sir Ian

f. MacLaurin told shareholders

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The Guardian Saturday June 8 1996 **IRI signals refusal** to refuel Alitalia's huge debt engine

JOHN GLOVER in Milan says the state holding company has folded under union pressure --- this time it's taking a hard line

RI. Italy's huge state hold-ing company, this week served notice that a solu-tion to the crisis at national carrier Alitalia must be found — fast. The airline is in a tailspin largely because its poisonous industrial rela-tions have prevented action to

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stem its mounting losses. In the past, IRI, which owns 89.3 per cent of Alitalia's shares, has always buckled under when faced with union pressure at the airline. Its current hard line towards its offspring clearly has top-level political backing. Romano Prodi, the new prime minister, is a veteran of two stints as president of IRI. His closest advisor is on leave from his job as director general of the holding company. Moreover, as Italy's most important state holding company, important decisions are made jointly with IRI's owner, the treasury This is run by ex-premier Carlo Ciampi.

By announcing it would not unions had agreed to the be attending a shareholders meeting called to agree an inirestructuring plan presented by chief executive Domenico tial 1.5 trillion lire (£625 mil-Cempella, it was postponing lion) cash injection for the carrier, IRI has set a final any decision over pumping in new cash. deadline for the company to The five-year plan calls for cut a deal with its warring costs to be slashed by around 500 billion lire, job cuts of unions. The meeting has been reconvened for June 28. Besome 3,000 and for a major yond that date formal bankreorganisation of the compa-

ruptcy looms. Alitalia's financial crash

long-range trips. The plan was open to negotiation by the unions, Mr Cempella said, on everything except its impact on the bottom line, the speed of its implelanding would have unpleas-ant implications for its final mentation and its shape. It

owner, the country's first leftwas promptly rejected. The powerful pilots' unions, which were behind the trips in wing government in five decades, not least by exposing the cracks in the fragile coali-tion that sustains it. the ejector seat taken by Mr Cempella's predecessors, But neither can the governreacted to news of IRI's warn-

ment continue to throw good taxpayers' money after bad. Alitalia is bleeding cash. The ing by stressing the importance of employee involve-ment in the company. They deficit it racked up in the 15 months to the end of March are hoping to parlay a secret wage rise agreed on last year this year totals over 900 - which present manage-ment has refused to honour billion lire, which will reduce its capital stock to less than 150 billion lire. The company into stock in the company. They are also preparing an alternative plan under which also has debts of over 3.5 tril-

lion lire and is expected to lose some 400 billion lire this year. the cost savings will go into a special fund to be used to buy Under Italian law, share-holders must now either fork shares for employees when the company is eventu-ally privatised. Unions repre-senting other staff instead called IRI's decision "grave, out more cash to bring its ratios up to at least the legal minimum, or they can set a course for the bankruptcy triunthinkable, blackmail". bunal. IRT's move is clearly a warning shot. A note issued by the holding company stated that until the company's

They are hoping to persuade the pilots to sign up to their own alternative plan. They all hope to keep the company in one piece. What is clear is that Prodi, Ciampi and their advisers all know how the system works and they all know the propen-

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sity of the IRI group to con-duct its industrial relations through endless talk. They also know --- and they hope the unions know - that Alitalia's last chance to keep flying is ny's operations. This includes setting up two new low cost the reconvened meeting at the end of June.

Helena Smith rattles around in Tirana's cavernous Albanian bourse

Nice work . . . Moneychangers outside the Albanian national bank in Tirana. The government wants them inside as forex dealers Photocraphy Melanir France

So quiet, you could hear a share drop

HE Albanian stock exchange is a very quiet place. So quiet, it is hard to know if it is ac-

tually open or closed. But for the 10 brokers who attend its twice-weekly sessions in the cavernous grand hall of Tirana's slow-paced central bank, the Albanian bourse is a very real thing.

month. marked an "historic noment" for the country in the words of the euphoric pre-ident, Sali Berisha.

fore the former Stalinist state's third multi-party poll, it as the "crowning glory" of poorest economy with a touch of the West.

Yet for all the official enthusiasm, Albanians have quickly discovered that operting a stock exchange is far from eas

three individuals — sit patiently at two telephones

polka-dotted tie and a pencil moustache, spends much of his time shouting figures from two large blackboards in the chamber. The dealers are cur-rently limited to bidding on treasury bills and privatisation vouchers, although the government hopes companies vill also start listing shares

market sector chief concedes.

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the chamber. A set of gilt-edged clocks Last Monday, Mr Meka was also grace the wall but one, as

Arben Papajorgi, a young, fresh-faced trader quickly forced to end the session in the midst of a heated debate over whether interest rates on points out, has "never vorked". Despite its apparent draw-

backs, the ruling Democrats hope the bourse will take off sufficiently to lure in the hordes of foreign currency dealers milling outside the

bank Ten brokers - representing five banks, two insurers and

> Since the collapse of com-munism, the traders have beout of the remants of the Ottoman Empire in 1913, has never had a bourse before. For the come an everyday fixture on moment its 10 brokers — rep-Tirana's pot-holed backstreets where they blatantly ignore authorities to operate a flourresenting five banks, two insurance companies and three individuals — sit patiently beishing black market. hind three wooden tables and

With few capital market "experts", officials paradoxically now see the dealers as budding brokers. By moving them off the streets, and into

the exchange they hope to clamp down on the illegal

So far, two - a former factory worker and a policeman - have been officially licensed, but hundreds more would like to follow suit. Although dealers say street trad-ing is a lucrative business most make \$800 (£533) a month compared to the average public sector salary of \$60 - many believe the bourse would offer them extra security. "Like everyone here, I started doing this because I was unemployed and could find no other work", said Bujar Lamaj, an erstwhile detec-tive, carefully balancing a wad of notes in one hand and a computer in the other. "I'd love to enter the stock exchange. It would mean bigger security and higher profits, but like everthing else in Alba nia getting a license is a very

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nent appointed a commis-Alex Duval Smith in Paris sion to study three sites —

MOURNFUL church bells will toll in Beauvilliers today as villagers protest against a decision to drive the runways of Paris's third international airport through their rural idyll.

Chosen to absorb future overflow air traffic from Orly and Charles de Gaulle airports, this village 80km south-west of Paris has fallen foul of centralised French planning policy. Its mayor, Georges Lhermitte,

claims the 200 residents were not consulted. He said: "The governBeauvilliers, another north of Paris and one in Normandy. Without waiting for

the commission to begin local consultation, the government has made the nnouncement." The government's spokes man, Alain Lamassoure, said Beauvilliers was chosen for its low population density and because the enntal impact would

Peels of protest rise in idyll facing Parisian runways

be minimal. He said any airport would

not come into operation until 2015 at the earliest, adding: "The time has not yet come to make the pro-

ject a reality. It is a matter of setting aside the neces-sary land." The government believes Beauvilliers would be the

best site because fewer than 100 houses would be demolished and fewer than 4,000 people would suffer noise. Chartres, 20 kilometres

away, would enjoy an influx of industry and tourism. Mr Lhermitte fears being engulfed in the "suburbanisation" of Paris, the Euro-

ean Union's fastest-growing city. He said: "Forty per cent of the population of Eure-et-Loir (the local département) has come here to ape city life."

we've found ourselves facing a lot of practical difficulties". he says after a particularly gruelling morning on the trad-ing floor. Mr Meka, a thin man with a

Its inauguration, last

Opened just five weeks bethe conservative leader hailed his struggle to imbue Europe's

later this month. As Elvin Meka, the bourse's

prices can be an elusive one. reasury bills were also trade "As we've very little experi able. "It was typical of the kind of procedural problem we so often encounter," he sighs. ence of a market economy, "But very soon we hope to be dealing in foreign exchange as well. Albania, which was carved

two telephones in the centre of

Small investors take on Eurotunnel by proxy

Mark Milner European Business Editor

OPHIE L'Hélias, a Parisbased professional investors' representative, is wooing Eurotunnel's British shareholders as part of a campaign designed to give small investors more say in the company's talks with its oankers over restructuring its massive debt burden.

Ms L'Hélias has been brought in by the two associations representing small shareholders in France to represent them at the annual meeting later this month.

Her aim is to collect enough proxy votes from small share holders to give them a say in the restructuring plan under negotiation. The banks are owed about £8 billion.

"Many [shareholders] believe that we have a say in the plan. We don't, at least not yet. However, we do have the power to create leverage vis-d ris the management and vis-a-vis the banks".

Ms L'Helias' strategy is to collect proxies from share-holders which would allow her to vote their shares at the annual meeting demonstrating the strength of small shareholders ahead of the special meeting that will have to be convened to approve any restructuring plan. "The point is not to disrupt

negotiations. but to get the best possible terms for shareholders." she says. Ms L'Hélias, whose usual

role is as a representative of institutional investors in French companies, stresses

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**Heard the Polish joke** 

WO years ago Zlotoyrja could have been called a host town. Now, though un-

mployment is still around 24 er cent, it is trying to build a ourist industry on the back of n unlikely asset. The secret is the name. Zlooyrja is Polish for "place for ligging for gold". Not that the own, population 20,000, is sitng on Klondike-sized deposs of the precious metal. Ineed, the area's only workable netal deposit is the rather less lamorous copper and the earby copper mine, at Leg-ica, provides the bulk of the

obs in the area. No one can remember exact-who dreamt up the idea of he idea of exploiting the ame by running an annual old-panning competition. ut now 2.000 tourists from cross Europe turn up for the arly summer contest. Partici ants stand in a cold lake and y to find five small pieces of old added by the jurors nto 20 kilograms of sand Competitors use the meth-ds of the California gold rush. hey place sand into a pan. erge it under water, and arefully shake and tilt the intents. Professionals can nd all the pieces in less than wo minutes. Others spend nore than 20 minutes unable find anything. Tourists who come to the

ity to take part or just to ratch the gold festival are ending money. During this ear's contest, for the first me in years, the only hotel in wn had no vacancies.



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Republican contender is being pushed by advisers to ditch his economic principles, writes ALEX **BRUMMER** in Washington



Travelling light ... Bob Dole boards plane on campaign

# The last temptation of Bob Dole

T WAS a typical Bob Dole moment. Speaking at a rally in the heartland of car country at Warren, Michigan, the Republican presidential candidate ac idly quipped: "I can't tell you how glad I am to be able to make this speech before Presi dent Clinton got a copy of it and delivered it himself."

polls — has a huge problem. The election economy appears I nished credentials as a supporter of lower taxes. Mr Dole has never been a all but perfect. "As a macro great believer in the art of supproposition, the economy is in ply side, tax cutting econom-ics. His dirt-poor upbringing the best shape for 30 years," says the deputy treasury secretary, Lawrence Summers, in the small town of Russell, Kansas, where friends and relaxing on a sofa in his air y office in the US Treasury building adjacent to the White House. "We have the first in-vestment led, low inflation exneighbours were driven to early graves by the burden of debt, triggered his lifelong al-lergy to deficit financing. pansion since John Kennedy Throughout 12 years of the Reagan/Bush administra-tions, Mr Dole — as a leading was President. Our history is that expansions end when inflation moves out of conight in the Senate — never hid his disdain for what he trol. But, at present, we have low inflation and capacity risregarded as profligacy in the public finances. ing rapidly," he adds. In his final act, before leav-As one of the most senior members of the Clinton ecoing the US Senate this week. the departing majority leader omic team, albeit one with forced a vote on an amendbrilliant academic credentials. Summers is not simply ment to balance the budget. beating the drum, the data speaks for itself. The US un-employment rate, at 5.6 per And he used a campaign speech to suggest that the defi-cit was, in effect, a "stealth tax" which, through the intercent, is far below the 6 per est charges on the national cent mark most economists recard as the natural level of debt, was costing the average full employment. Sinc. August 1993, 7 million jobs have been created. Inflaworking family \$36,000 extra on their mortgage; \$1,400 more for their student loan tion is well below the 3 per and \$700 on their car loans. cent mark. The budget deficit has been cut in half to These are not the words of a Republican who would be eas \$130 billion, to where it repre ily persuaded by the tax-cutsents 1.7 per cent of gross do-mestic product, against 4.9 per ting nostrum. But Mr Dole — who is trailent when Clinton took over. ing his Democratic opponent by 17 points in the opinion And the Dow Jones has soared 76 per cent — enriching a broad group of American savers

value of the dollar, bond yields have been ratcheted downwards, Mexico has been rescued from near disaster and the Nafta and World Trade Organisation treaties have been ratified. It is against this formidable

statistical backdrop that Mr Dole must make the case that it is he, rather than President Clinton, who is better quali-

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pansion. He is, of course, not entirely without weapons.

nowhere, Mr Dole took the first steps towards forming a brains' trust of economists to direct him away from his ob-session with balanced budgets towards a more broadly based policy that addressed some of the longer-term weaknesses in

the economy. The six wise men -- pointy heads as some commentators unkindly called them - were

cherry-wood panelled office high up in New York's World Trade Centre. The themes, which focused on tax reform, were not shocking, he ob-serves. "What would have been radical is if we had considered the current tax system a model of efficiency and

logic," he argues. What emerged, according to another participant, Mr Feld-

🙄 Income tax cuts, not dissimilar to President Reagan's historic move in 1982. It was argued that this would compensate workers for slow wage growth in recent years. Reducing capital gains taxes, or indexing them to in-flation, to lower the cost of capital and stimulate private investment - one of the most

supply-side --- renamed for these purposes — "growth eco-nomics". In language reminiscent of the Reagan era, those advising Mr Dole in favour of the programme believe it could be self-financing.

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This was not the inspirational stuff which American citizens have come to expect of their leaders but reflects the reality of the 1996 race for the White House as run by the introspec-tive Mr Dole.

Each time his campaign comes up with a bright idea such as going national with the tough Wisconsin plan to force the dispossessed off welfare — he is pre-empted by President Clinton. No sooner had Mr Dole this week outlined his new belief that "we can cut taxes, reform the tax code and balance the budget' than the President was on his feet at the Princeton graduation ceremonies proposing his own tax breaks, in the shape of a \$7.9 billion (£5.3 billion) plan to assist those in higher education. The Clinton move was another deliberate spoiler proposed by the President's political advisers (but opposed by the US Treasury) designed to burnish his tar-

> On the global economic front, a combination of words and co-ordinated action among the G7 has lifted the

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moury, there are a number of more subtle economic trends nto which Mr Dole may seek to tap. Although unemploy-ment is low, concern about job insecurity remains high, as symbolised by the current strike at planemaker McDonnell Douglas, where workers are demanding greater certainty. The present growth rate of 2.2 per cent, in the first quarter, is significantly below where it has been historically, productivity is disappointing and real incomes, for most Americans, have been flat. In addition, no political

leader, including the President, has had the courage to tackle the potentially imploding finances of an over-generous social security system. Early last month, in an effort to put some intellectual punch into a campaign going

brought together in the Capitol conference room, under the auspices of Senate budge ittee chairman Pete Do menici, where they offered their views as they munched on chicken and ribs from a fashionable Washington bar-

becue eaterie. It was an eclectic group, which included the Nobel orize-winning economist Gary Becker, who has taken over Professor Milton Fried man's seat at the University of Chicago; Harvard's Martin Feldstein, who served as chairman of President Reagan's Council of Economic Advisers; John Lipsky, the tall, thoughtful, market econo mist at Salomon Brothers and Professor John Taylor of Stan-ford University, the informal chairman and notetaker of

the group. What was remarkable, given the different backgrounds of the economists sent, was the degree of con sensus among them on what is needed to spur further growth "We were basically a bunch o economists all heading in the same direction," said Mu Lipsky, speaking from his

stein, was a "menu of options from which the Republican candidate, working with his political advisars, could hoose The remarkable aspect from

Mr Dole's point of view is that all the ideas were tax related. Among the most radical discussed was wholesale tax reform, which would move the US to a more European model in which direct taxes on income were partly replaced by a consumer tax, such as value added tax. This was seen as a valid approach, in an economy in which the taxes on capital (such as double taxation of corporations) are among the highest in the Western world. But it was considered too contentious for the voters in 1996, though it may form part of a future Republican

programme. The group, instead, came up with a more conventional set of ideas. These included:

serious longer-term deficiencies of the US economy. The creation of "personal security savings accounts". similar to UK Peps, to allow individuals to shelter savings from tax, without having to wait for retirement to enjoy

them. Additional tax-free accounts to allow Americans to save money, tax-free, for education expenses and medical care. This may be accompanied by matching federal funds for those on lower incomes who take this route. A tax incentive for families by excluding from taxation part of the income in households with two earners. Most of these ideas -- with

the exception of a switch to a consumption tax by the milenium — may seem unexcep tional. But in the hands of Mr Dole, with his fixation on the balanced budget, they are potentially explosive, requiring a Pauline-style conversion to

erated, effectively wiping out the deficit, if the economy could be restored to trend US growth of 3.3 per cent, in the view of conservative economist Gary Robbins, of the Institute for Policy Innovation.

Mr Robbins, an adviser to Cap-itol Hill Republicans, argues that slower growth since 1989 has cost citizens \$1,337 in income per year. So far, Mr Dole has not de-

cided which of the reforms to back. But the Clinton team is already sharpening its stiletto. "We can't afford to go the voodoo economics route again," says White House economic adviser Martin Baily. "Dole has a history of being more responsible."

But, as the struggle for Mr Dole's soul intensifies, with dvisers urging him to put clear blue water between him-self and President Clinton, deja-voodoo becomes a serious prospect.

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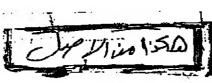
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# Six hardliners who tell the candidate what to think

his ground-breaking work panel of six wise men, Bob Dole has sought to tap all on "human capital", apply-ing the laws of economics to everything from education shades of economic opinion. Unlike Ronald Reagan, whose economic views were to the family. 🗆 Martin Feldstein is best known in Washington for his quarrels inside the polemical supply-siders from relatively obscure ac-Reagan White House. While there, he espoused the unmentionable issues of tax increases and tackling the Dole group is far more consocial security budget. In some of the most respected names in US economics and the broader world of ecoincluding people with pracnomics, he is best known as president of the National Bureau of Economic Research at Harvard, monetarist tinge which sugwhich has been responsible for officially declaring when the US is in recession. C Charles Wolfe is dean of Dole presidency - should it Rand Graduate School and provides economic advice and analysis to his emversity of Chicago and the Hoover Institution, ployer, Rand Corp. He is an expert on international ecoregarded as the leader of the nomic comparisons. Dean Wolfe believes Senator Dole has the opportunity to lift the US growth rate to 3 per cent annually through tax leading conservative econo and regulatory reforms. Becker won the Nobel Prize John Lipsky is chief economist at Salomon

nomic developments in the John Taylor of Stanford has emerged as chairman of the six-person group. Like Mr Becker, he is seen as a monetary economist and is known for his strong **Republican credentials.** Ironically, be served on the **Council of Economic Advisers under George** Bush, a period which fellow Republicans like Bob Dole would sooner forget. C Robert Barro of Harvard is one of the less likely members. He is known among economists for the theory of "rational expectations". This suggests that government attempts to manage the economy are doomed to failure. He believes that tax

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Brothers in New York, having previously been based in London. Mr Lipsky believes that the Federal Reserve is taking a more cautious approach to eco **US because of fears of** overheating.